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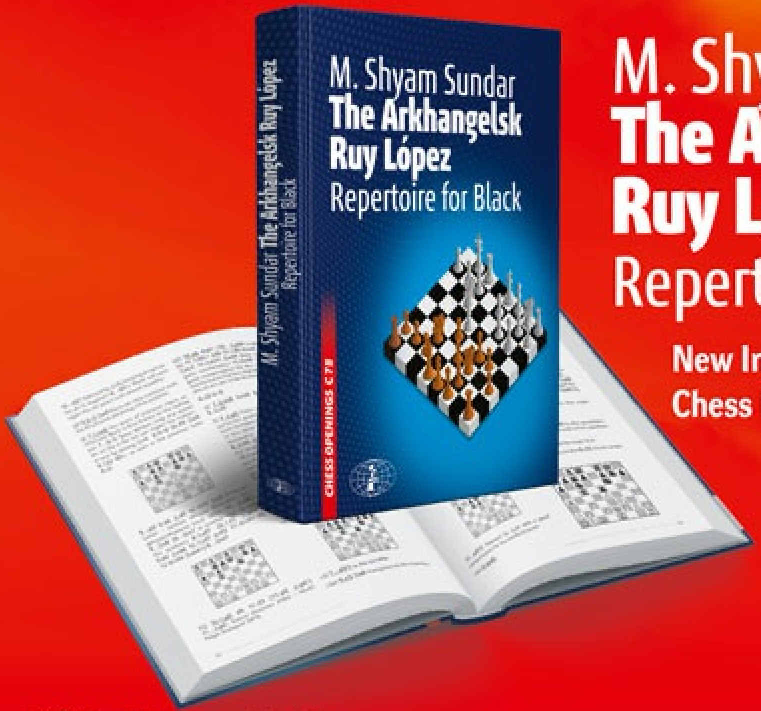
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| | |
|---|---|
| ⩲ | white stands slightly better |
| ⩱ | black stands slightly better |
| ± | white has the upper hand |
| ∓ | black has the upper hand |
| +− | white has a decisive advantage |
| −+ | black has a decisive advantage |
| = | even |
| ∞ | unclear |
| =∞ | with compensation for the material |
| ↻ | development advantage |
| O | greater board room |
| → | with attack |
| ↑ | with initiative |
| ⇄ | with counterplay |
| ⊙ | zugzwang |
| # | mate |
| ! | a very good move |
| !! | an excellent move |
| ? | a mistake |
| ?? | a blunder |
| !? | a move deserving attention |
| ?! | a dubious move |
| Δ | with the idea |
| □ | only move |
| ⌓ | better is |
| ⊞ | centre |
| ⟫ | king's side |
| ⟪ | queen's side |
| × | weak point |
| ⊥ | endgame |
| ◩ | bishops of opposite color |

| | |
|---|---|
| ▞ | bishops of the same color |
| ○<br>○ | double pawns |
| ♁ | passed pawn |
| > | advantage in number of pawns |
| ⊕ | time |
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| E 12 | Encyclopaedia of Chess Openings |
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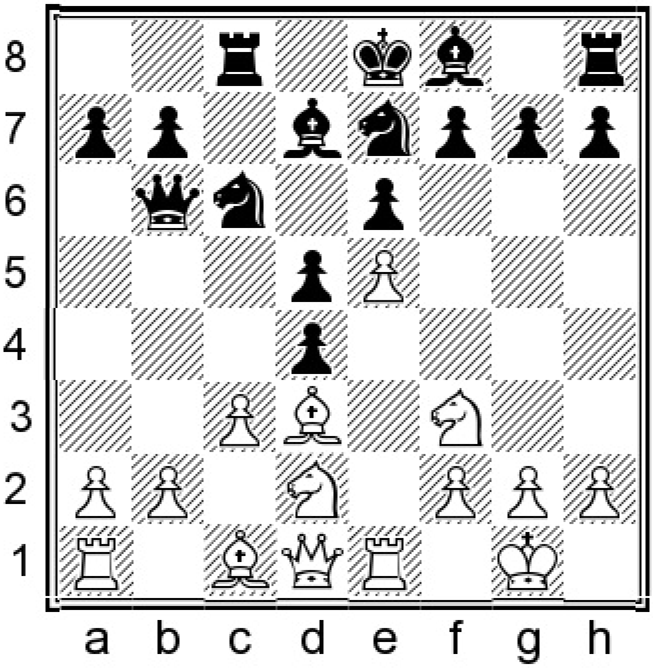
| N | a novelty |
| (ch) | championship |
| (izt) | interzonal tournament |
| (ct) | candidates' tournament |
| (m) | match |
| (ol) | olympiad |
| corr. | correspondence game |
| RR | editorial comment |
| R | various moves |
| ∟ | with |
| – | see |

# THE BEST GAME OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME

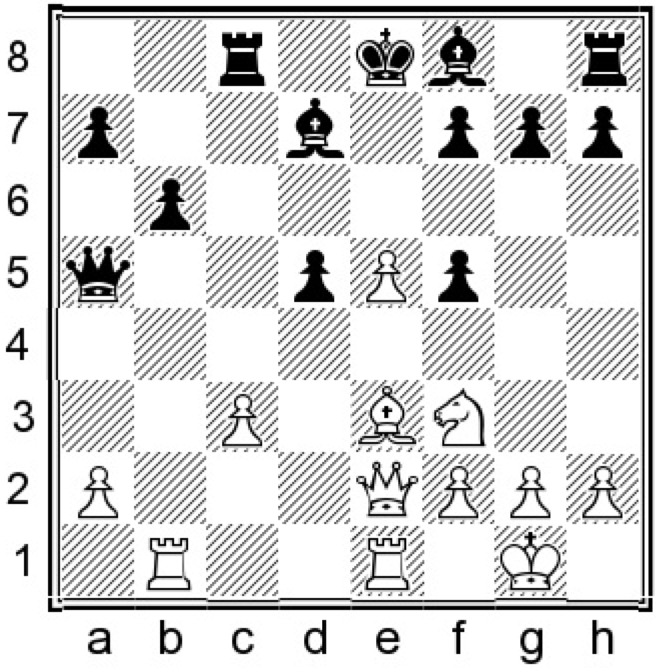
## Editors' Pick

**150/91. C02**
**Yuriy KRYVORUCHKO 2689 — JohanSebastian CHRISTIANSEN 2609**
**Struga 2021**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♕b6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.♗d3 cd4 7.0-0** [7.cd4 – 61/(272)] **7...♗d7 8.♖e1 ♖c8** [8...♘ge7 9.h4 ♖c8 (9...h6 – 103/187) 10.♘bd2 dc3 11.bc3 ♘a5 12.♖b1 ♕c7 13.♗a3!? ♕c3 14.♘b3 ♘b3 15.♖b3 ♕a5 16.♕e2=∞] **9.♘bd2 ♘ge7**



**10.♘b3 N** [10.♖b1 – 150/(91)] **10...dc3 11.bc3 ♘a5** [11...♘g6 12.h4!? ♕c7 13.♕e2 ♗e7 14.h5 ♘h4 15.♘h4 ♗h4 16.♕g4 ♘e5 17.♖e5 ♗f2 18.♔f2 ♕e5 19.♗d2 0-0 20.♖e1 ♕c7 21.♘d4⩲] **12.♗e3 ♕c7 13.♘a5 ♕a5 14.♖b1 b6** [14...♖c7 15.a4! ♗a4 (15...♘c6 16.♗d2 ♕c5 17.♕e2 ♗e7 18.♖ec1=∞) 16.♕e2 ♘c8 17.♖a1 b5 18.♘d4 a6 19.♗d2 ♕b6 20.♖eb1±] **15.♕e2 ♘f5?** [15...♘g6 *a)* 16.♗d2 ♕a4 17.♘d4 ♗e7 18.♕h5=∞; *b)* 16.a4 ♗c5 17.♗d2 0-0 (17...♕a4 18.♖a1 ♕c6 19.h4=∞) 18.♖a1 d4! 19.cd4 ♗b4=; *c)* RR 16.h4 ♕a4! 17.c4! dc4 18.♗c2 ♕a5 19.♖ed1 ♗a4 20.h5 ♘e7 21.♕d2 c3 22.♕d4 ♗c6 23.♕g4=∞ Miloš Perunović; 15...♘c6 16.a4! ♗e7 17.♗b5 0-0 18.♗d2=∞] **16.♗f5 ef5**



**17.e6!+– ♗e6** [RR 17...fe6 18.♘e5 ♗d6 (18...♕a4 19.♕h5+–) 19.♕h5 ♔d8 20.♗g5 ♔c7 21.♘d7 ♔d7 22.♕f7 ♔c6 23.♖e6+– Miloš Perunović] **18.♘d4 ♗e7 19.♗g5! ♕c5** [RR 19...♗g5 20.♘e6 fe6 21.♕e6+– Miloš Perunović] **20.♘e6 fe6 21.♕e6 ♖c7 22.♖bd1 ♖d7 23.♖e5 h6 24.♕g6 ♔f8 25.♕f5 ♔e8 26.♗e7 ♖e7 27.♖de1**

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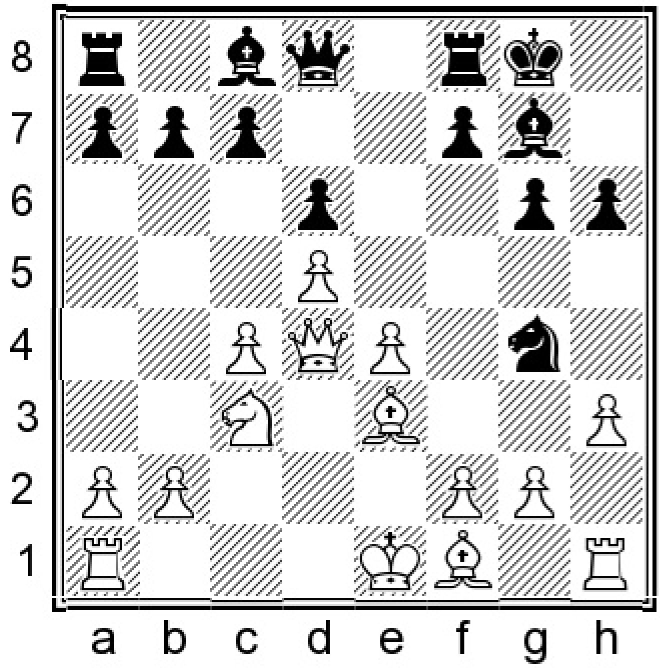
# THE MOST IMPORTANT THEORETICAL NOVELTY OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME

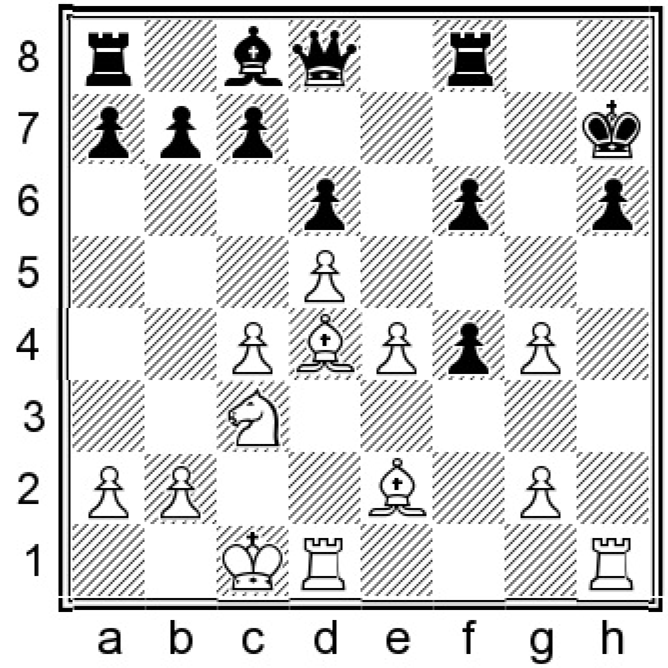
## Editors' Pick

**150/194. E90**
**Alexandr PREDKE 2666 — Nodirbek YAKUBBOEV 2621**
**Riga 2021**

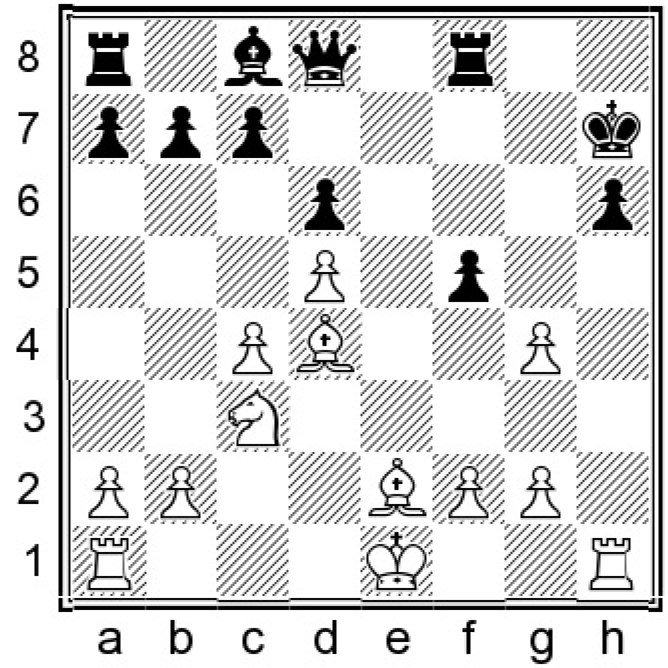
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.♗g5 ♘c6 7.♘f3 h6 8.♗e3 e5 9.d5 ♘d4** [9...♘e7 – 57/562] **10.♘d4 ed4 11.♕d4 ♘g4**



**12.hg4!! N** [12.♕d2 ♘e3 13.♕e3 f5⯹] **12...♗d4 13.♗d4 ♔h7** [13...♗g4 14.♖h6 f5 15.♖g6 ♔h7 16.♖g7 ♔h6 17.ef5 ♗f5 18.0-0-0±; 13...f6 14.♖h6 ♔f7 15.g5! ♖h8 16.♗f6 ♕f6 17.gf6 ♖h6 18.f4 ♔f6 19.♔d2 ♖h4 20.♔e3±] **14.♗e2 f5?!** [14...f6 15.0-0-0 g5 16.f4 gf4



17.g5! fg5 18.♖h6! ♔h6 19.♖h1 ♔g6 20.♗h5 ♔h7 21.♗f7 ♗h3 22.♖h3#; 14...c5 15.dc6 (15.♗e3 ♖h8 16.♔d2 ♔g7 17.♖h2 ♗d7∞) 15...bc6 16.f4! g5 17.♖h5 c5 (17...gf4 18.g5+–) 18.♗e3±] **15.ef5 gf5**



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## 1 : 0 Dejan Pikula

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**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.♗g5 ♘c6 7.♘f3 h6 8.♗e3 e5 9.d5**

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**9...♘e7 10.♕d2** 1 **♔h7 11.g4 ♘fg8** 2 **12.♖g1 f5 13.gf5 gf5 14.ef5 ♘f5 15.♗d3 ♔h8 16.0-0-0** 3 **♗d7 17.♖g2±**

**9...♘d4 10.♘d4** 4 **ed4 11.♕d4** 5 **♘g4 12.hg4!!** 6 **♗d4 13.♗d4 f6** 7 **14.♖h6 ♔f7 15.g5 ♖h8 16.♗f6 ♕f6 17.gf6 ♖h6±** 8

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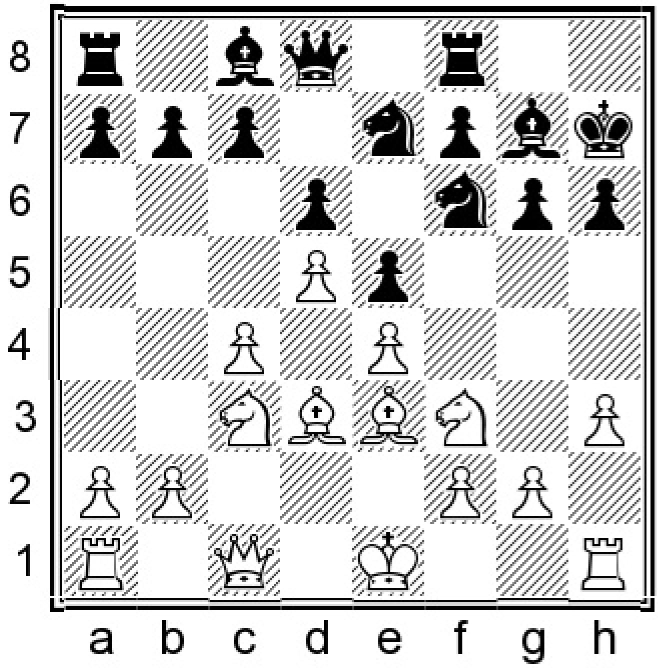
**10.♕c1** ♔h7 11.♗d3



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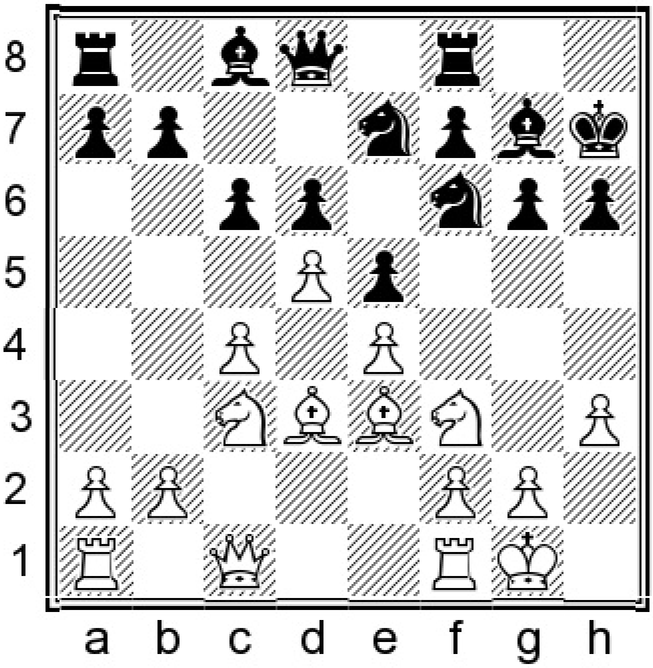
*b)* 11...c6! 12.0-0



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*b2)* 12...cd5 13.cd5 ♘fg8 Δ f5∞; 13...♘e8∞;

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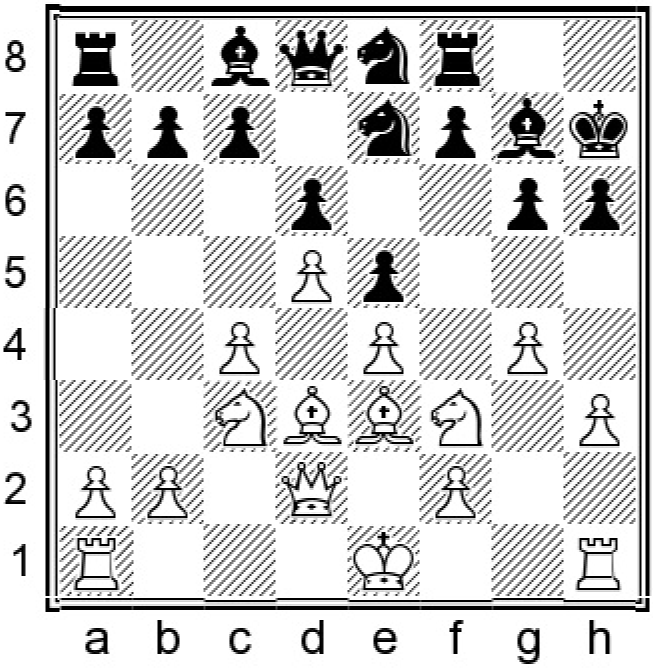

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*b)* 12...c5 13.♖g1 f6 14.♘h4 g5 15.♘f5 ♘g6 16.h4± Ziaur Rahman 2493 – Thapa Krishna 2126, Dhaka 2004

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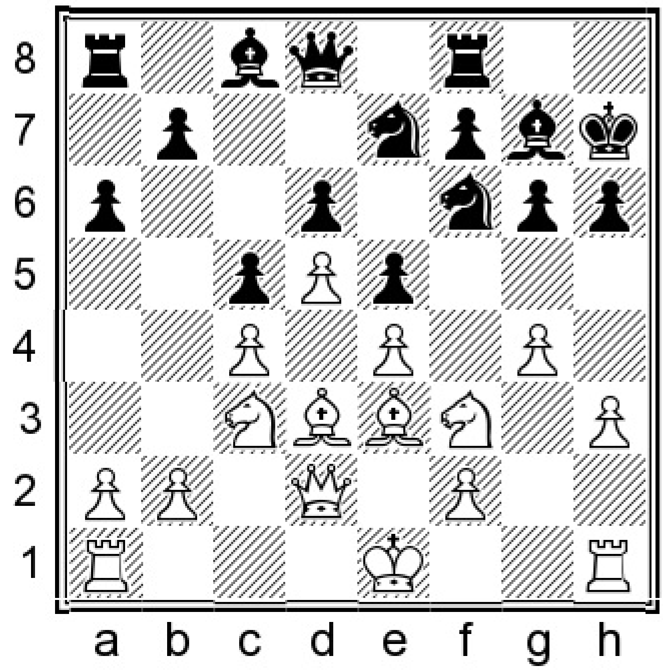

*a)* 13.g5 hg5 14.♘g5 ♔g8 15.h4±;

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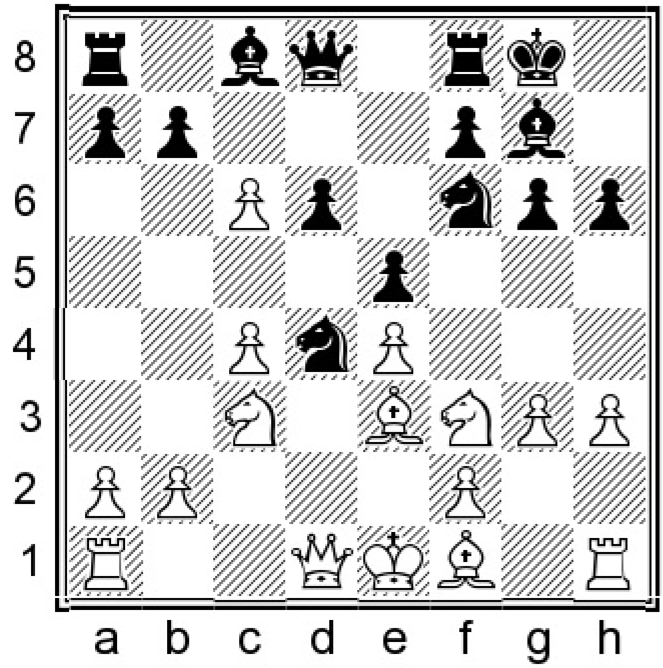
10.g3 c5 11.dc6



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*b)* 11...♘f3 12.♕f3 bc6 13.♖d1 ♗e6 14.♗c5 ♕a5 15.♗d6 ♖fd8 16.♕e3 ♘e8 17.♕c5 ♕b6! 18.♕b6 ab6 19.♗e7 [19.♗a3 ♖d4∓ Zhao Zong-Yuan 2579 – Wen Yang 2585, China 2013] 19...♖d4 20.f3 ♖a7 21.♗b4 f5=∞

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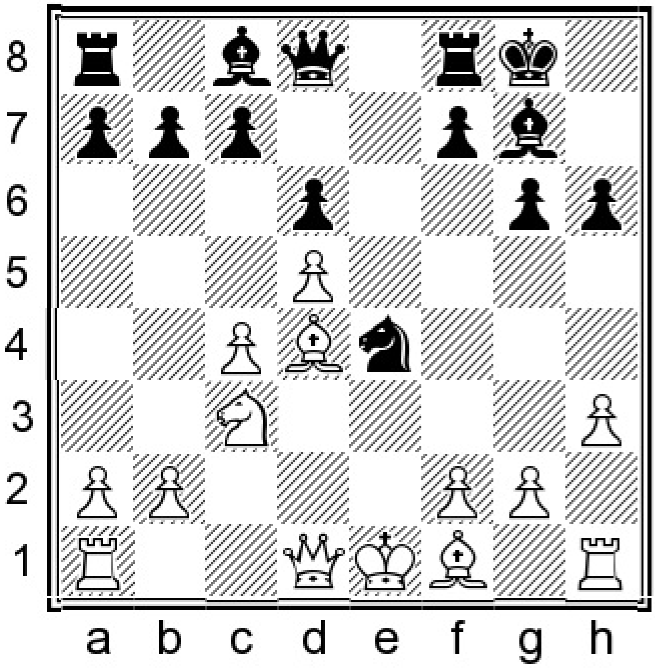
11.♗d4 ♘e4



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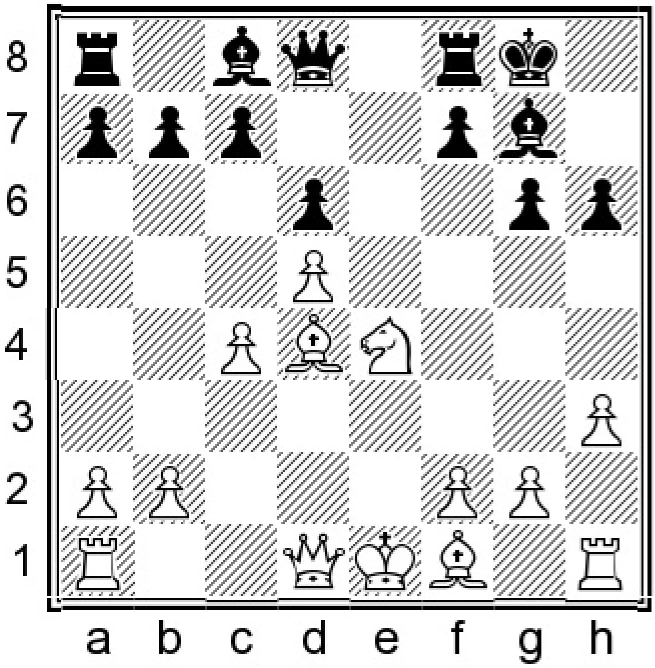

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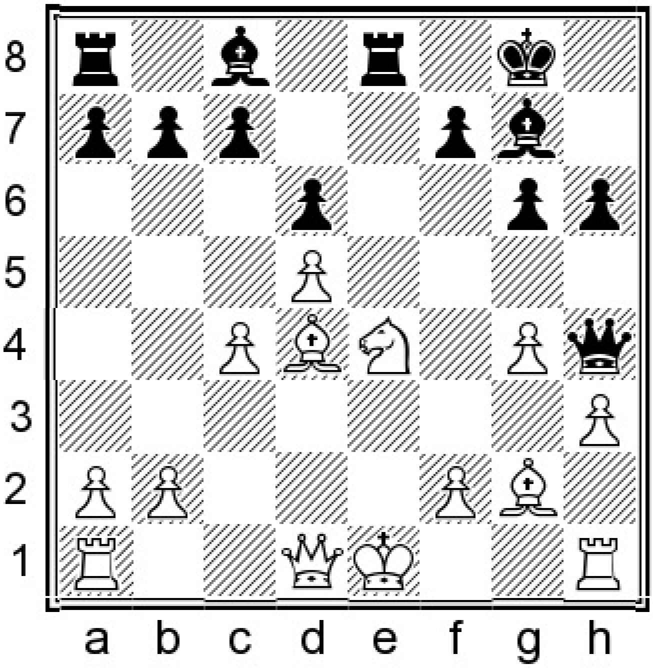

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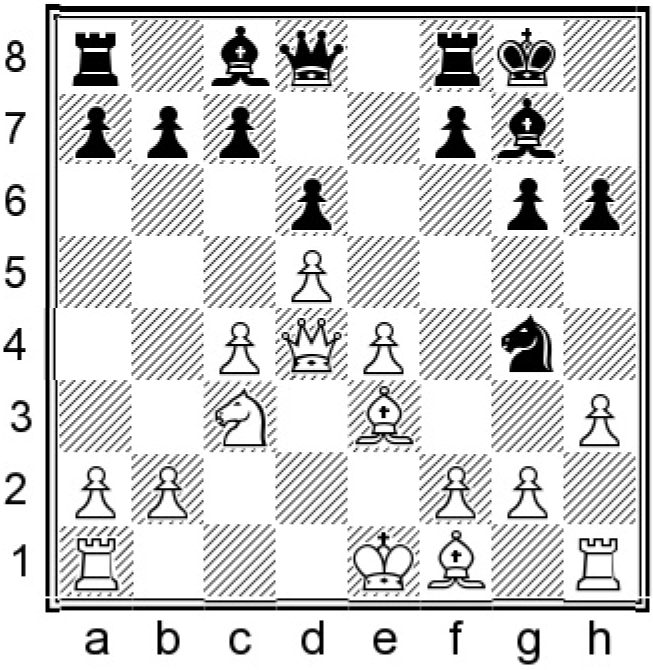

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**13...♗g4** 14.♖h6 f5 15.♖g6 ♔h7 16.♖g7 ♔h6 17.ef5 ♗f5 18.0-0-0±;

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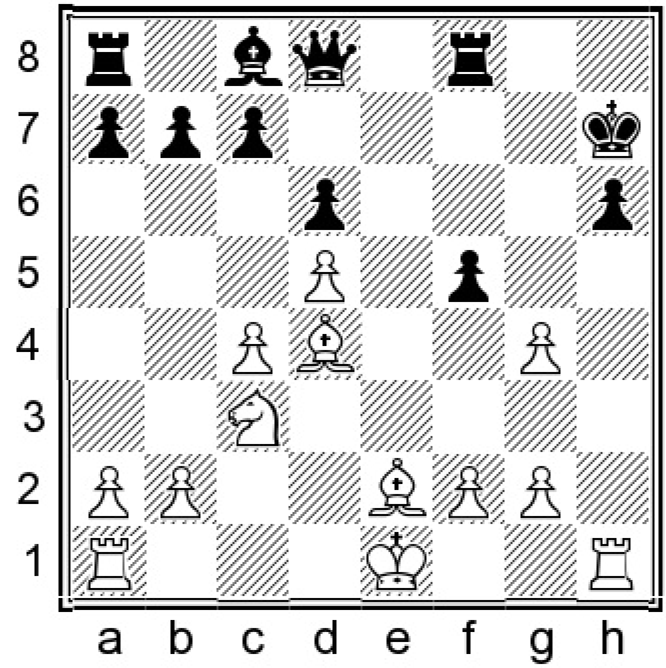

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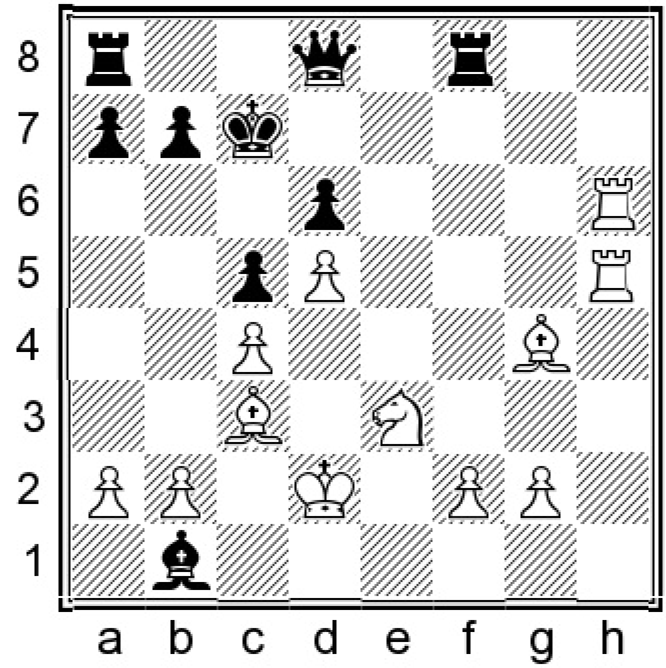

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*a212)* 25.f3 ♕e8 26.♖h1+– **Alexandr Predke 2666 — Nodirbek Yakubboev 2621, Riga 2021 – 150/194**;

*a22)* 24.♔c1 ♗e4 25.♖e6 ♖e8 26.f3 gf3 27.gf3 ♗g6 28.♖g6 ♖e3 29.♖h7 ♔c8 [29...♖e7 30.♖e7 ♕e7 31.♖g7+–] 30.♗f6 ♕f8 31.♗d1+–;

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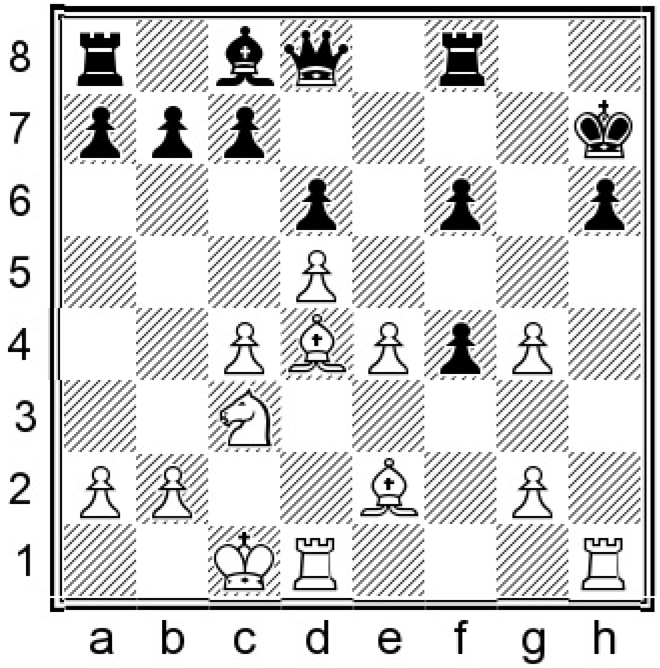
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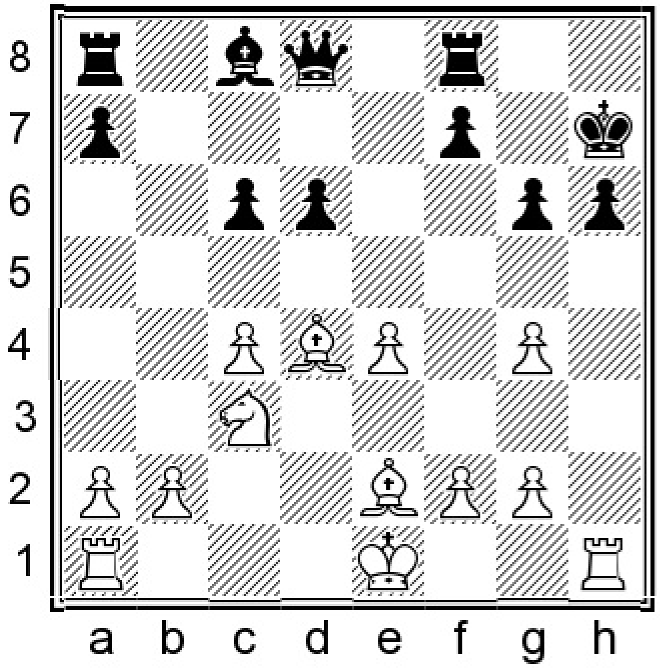
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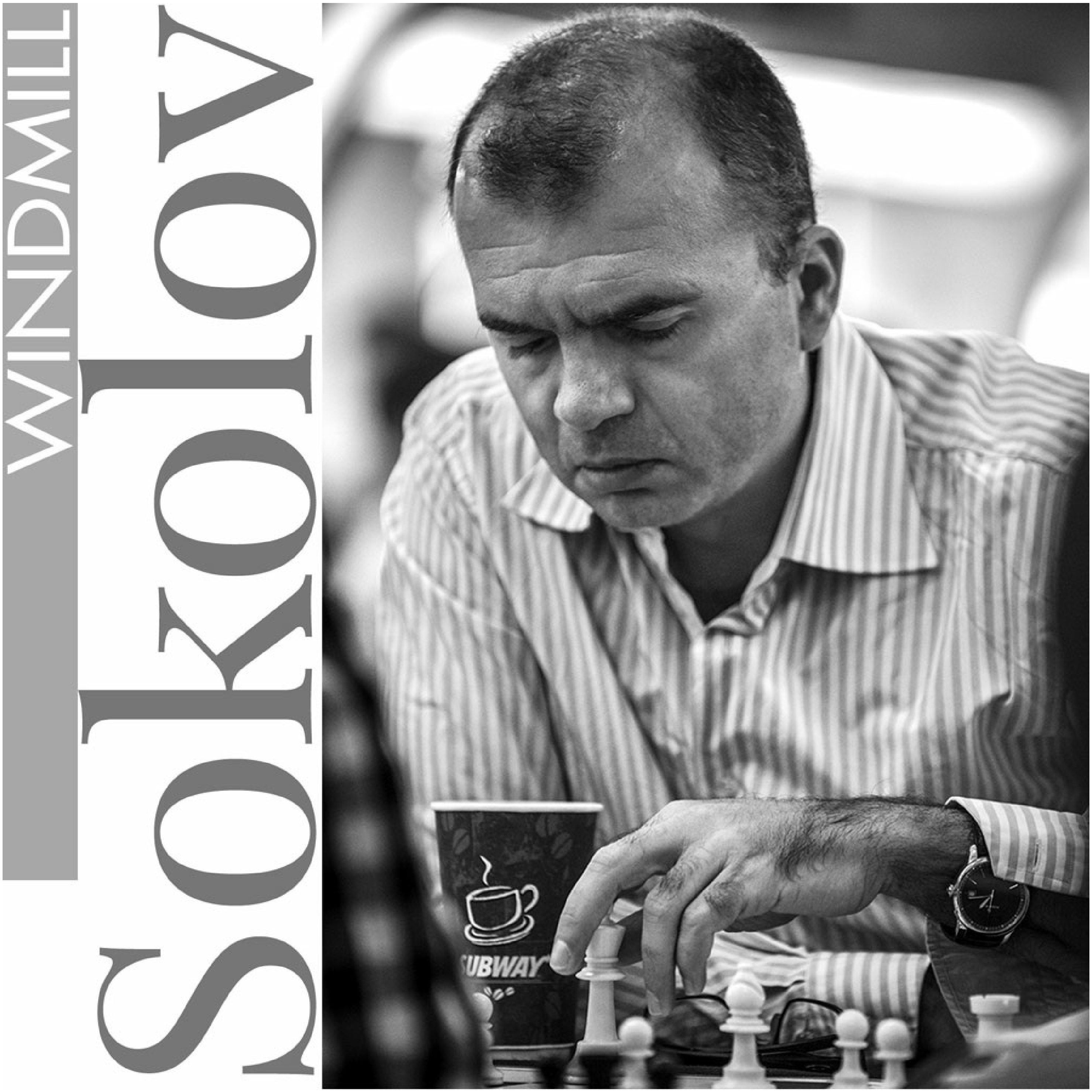


# MAGNUS CARLSEN CONVINCINGLY WINS TATA STEEL MASTERS 2022

For the second year in a row the prestigious TATA Steel Chess Tournament has been held under COVID-19 conditions. During the tournament there was lockdown in the Nederland so the tournament was held without the amateur event and spectators.

**Ivan Sokolov**

- **Country:** Netherlands
- **Born:** 1968
- **Rating:** 2591
- **Peak rating:** 2706
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1987

To disappointment of chess fans the Tournament organisers could not reach an agreement with Alireza Firouzja so we have to hope that the negotiations will be successful for the next edition. Also, the Tournament had unfortunate occurrence in Daniil Dubov contracting COVID (at some stage) and being forced to withdraw (influencing final results).

Let's get back to chess. We had many great games played during the Tournament and making the final selection for this article was not easy. As usual such a choice is personal and I hope readers will like my selection.

Magnus Carlsen dominated the event winning eventually with one-and-a-half-point margin though it should be noted that his last round point vs Dubov was a forfeit win. Out of all players from the top four Mamedyarov got a bit unlucky because he drew Dubov while Rapport and Giri (just like Carlsen) got a free forfeit point.

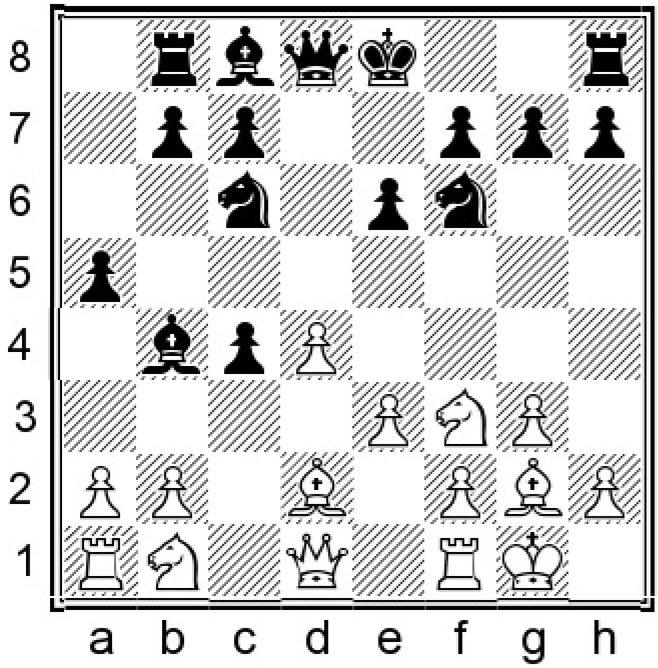
Crucial wins vs all his top competitors Magnus scored with the white pieces in the Catalan. In all three games Carlsen had similar strategy choosing rarely played variations and not really aiming for an opening advantage but more aiming for unexplored positions banking (in the run of play) to outplay his opponent. This strategy served him well!

**E04**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2865) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 a5 7.O-O**

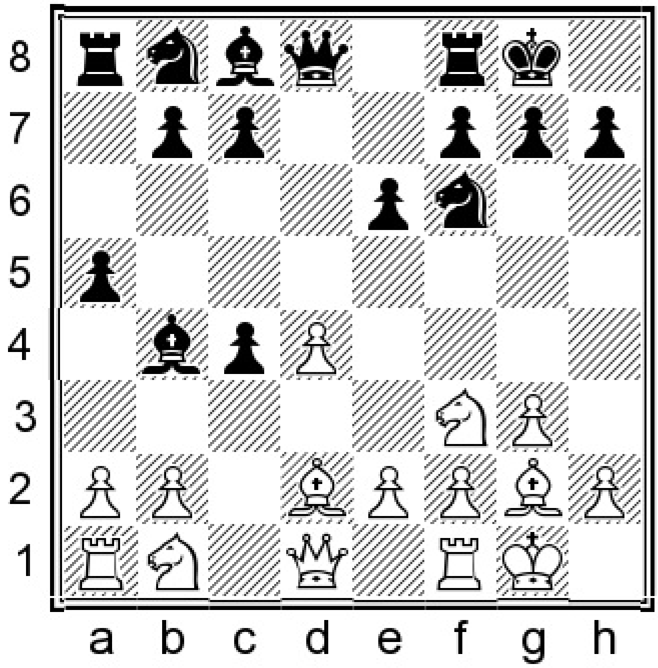
Black chooses the main line (in this variation). **7...O-O**

Some years ago, I have tried the alternative 7...♘c6 8.e3 ♖b8



The problem for Black is that the idea is not working after 9.♕c1! (My game went 9.♕e2 b5 10.a4 ♗a6 11.axb5 ♗xb5 12.♗c3 O-O∞ with satisfactory play for Black, and the game later ending in a draw, Ernst, Sipke 2587 - Sokolov,Ivan 2642, Maastricht 2013) 9...b5 10.a4 ♗a6 11.b3! and White has large advantage. 11...bxa4 12.bxc4±

Similar to his other Catalan games (vs Giri or vs Rapport) Magnus again goes for a sideline.



**8.e3!?** I doubt Magnus thought that this brings White some opening advantage. I think (similar to his games vs Giri or Rapport) that he simply wanted to get his opponent into (relatively) unexplored positions.

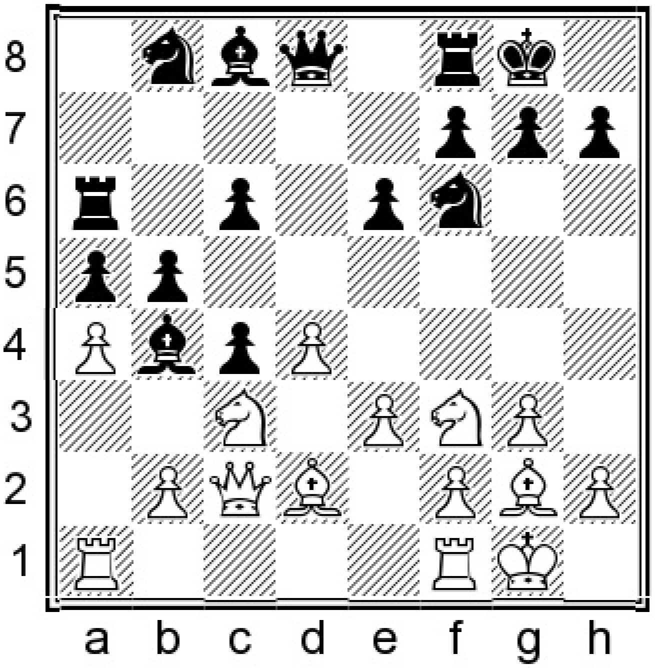
White's main moves here are considered to be either 8.♕c2 and play may continue 8...♗xd2 9.♘bxd2 b5 10.a4 c6 as for example in Internet game Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2784 - Carlsen,Magnus 2863, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2020, or Wojtaszek,Radoslaw 2622 - Hoffmann,Michael 2477, Pardubice 2006 - 101/ (409). White can get typical kind of positional compensation for his sacrificed pawn after 11.b3 cxb3 12.♘xb3

Or 8.♗g5 is considered to be another White's main move here.

Mamedyarov chooses a logical reaction. He removes his rook from the h1_a8 diagonal and prepares to defend his extra pawn. **8...♖a6 9.♕c2**

9.a4 c5∞ is OK for Black, as for example in Internet blitz game Skatchkov,Valery 2242 - Korobov,Anton 2688, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020

**9...b5 10.a4 c6 11.♘c3** Black takes principled decision to defend his extra pawn.

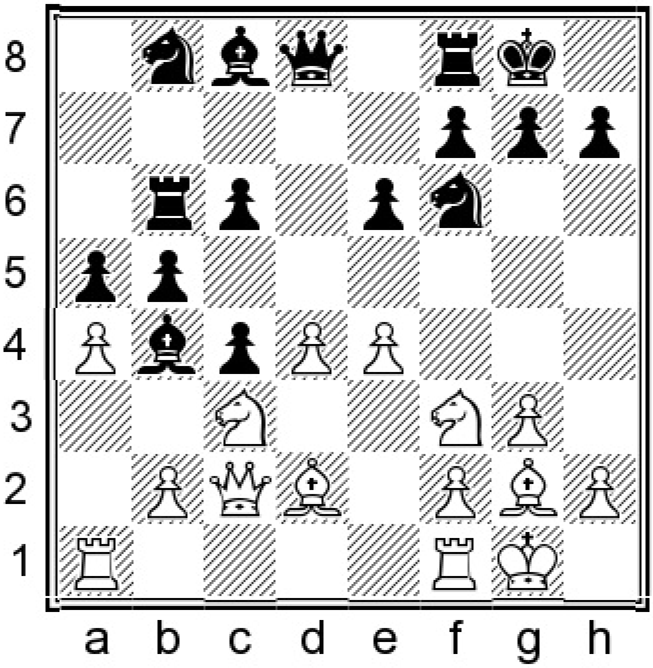


**11...♖b6** This move indeed keeps the extra pawn, but does have a drawback that the rook can be pinned (once White plays Ba5). Most probably Mamedyarov already planned exchange sacrifice that is soon to happen.

Black, however, has satisfactory alternatives to develop his bishop or knight as Black gets good play in the case White decides to take his sacrificed pawn back. 11...♗b7 Taking his sacrificed pawn back does not bring White desired result. 12.axb5?! (Most probably best for White is similar to the game 12.e4 Black's logical answer is 12...h6 with sharp play, both sides having something to hope for.) 12...cxb5 13.♘xb5 ♖b6 (13...♘bd7 transposing to 11...Nbd7 is also fine.) 14.♘c3 (14.♘a3? ♗e4 15.♕c1 ♕d5∓) 14...♘bd7 Black wants ...Qa8, and if somebody is better here, it is Black.

Or 11...♘bd7 12.e4 (Again, Black has excellent play in the case of 12.axb5 cxb5 13.♘xb5 ♗b7 14.♘a3 ♗xa3 15.♖xa3 ♕a8) 12...h6∞ with unclear game. White having compensation (for his sacrificed pawn), but not more.

**12.e4**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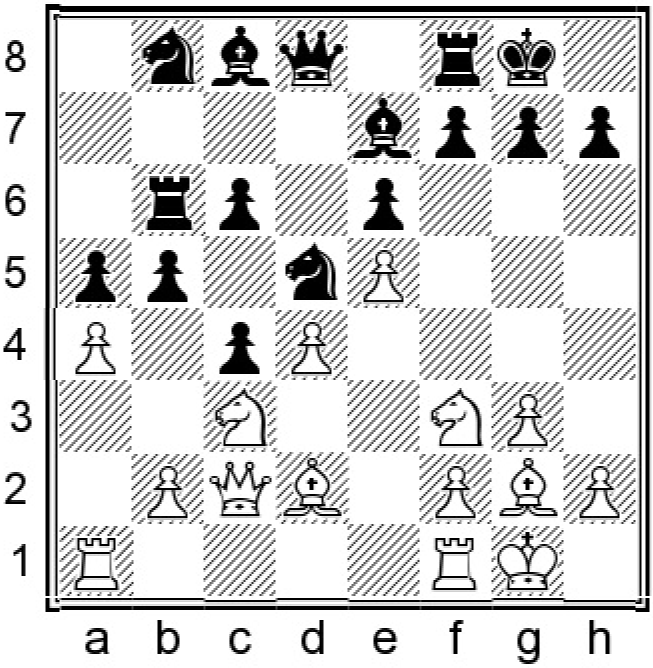
**12...♗e7!?** An interesting decision and in its essence an exchange sacrifice.

Black had reasonable alternative in 12...h6∞

**13.e5 ♘d5**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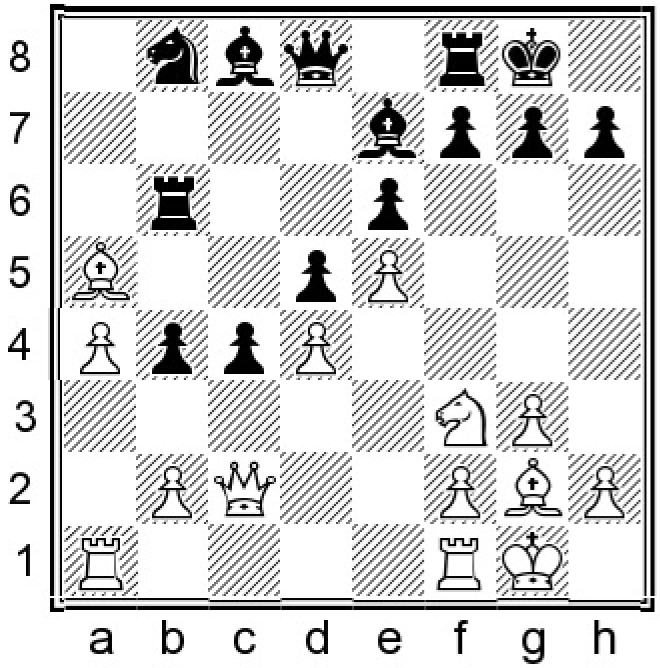
**14.axb5!?** Magnus delays the exchange grab as he wants the open a-file for his rook.

White could have immediately gone for material win 14.♘xd5 cxd5 (14...exd5? 15.♗xa5 b4 16.b3±) 15.♗xa5 b4

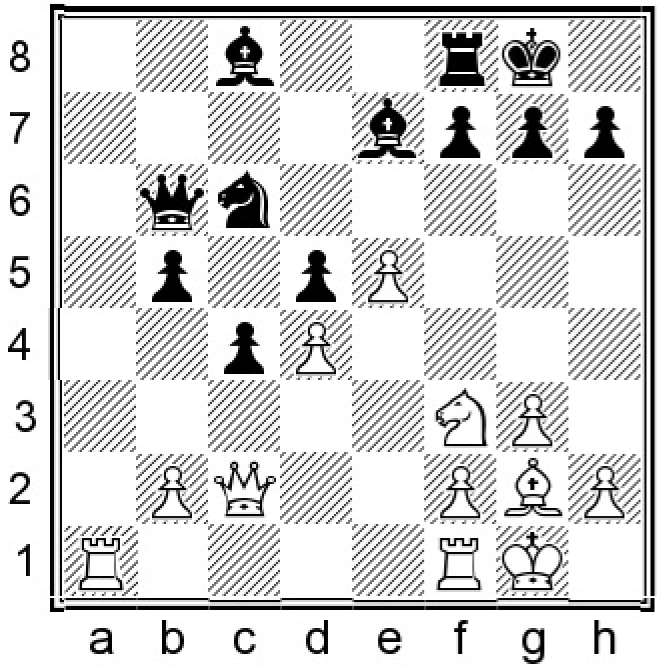


This position probably did not look clear to Magnus, and it looks unclear indeed. My *Stockfish 14*, however, gives White some advantage after 16.♗xb6! (Black has good compensation in case of 16.b3 ♘c6 17.♗xb6 ♕xb6=∞) 16...♕xb6 17.a5! ♕a7 18.b3±

**14...cxb5** Black stays consequent to his exchange sacrifice decision.

Black could have changed his mind and played 14...♘b4 probably both players thought that White had some advantage (though ensuing positions look unclear) after 15.♕e4 cxb5 16.♖xa5 (Or 16.♕g4)

**15.♘xd5 exd5 16.♗xa5 ♘c6 17.♗xb6 ♕xb6** Position both players (after 14...cb5) have aimed for. Magnus correctly judges a rook trade to be good for him.



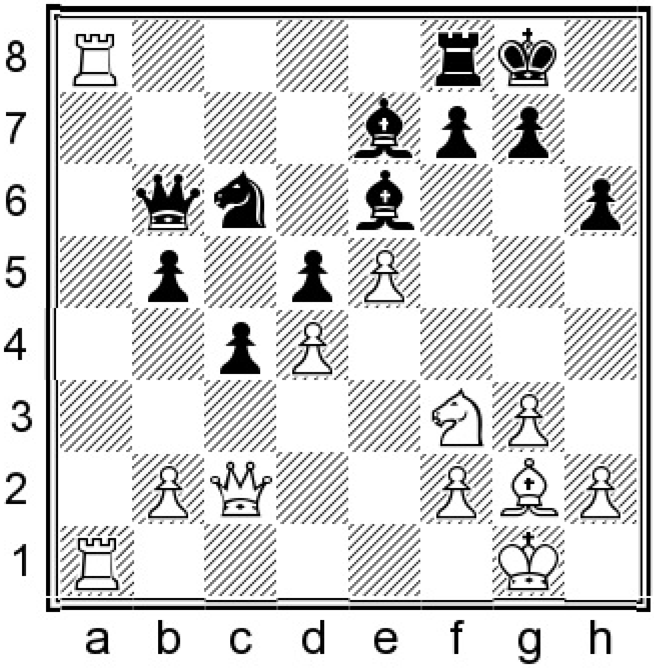
**18.♖a8!** White will either trade rooks or take the a-file.

**18...h6**

Pawn grab 18...♘xd4? is wrong, as White gets winning advantage after 19.♘xd4 ♕xd4 20.♖d1 ♕xe5 21.♖xd5!+- All Black has here is one "empty" check 21...♕e1+ 22.♗f1 ♗h3 23.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 24.♖d1+-

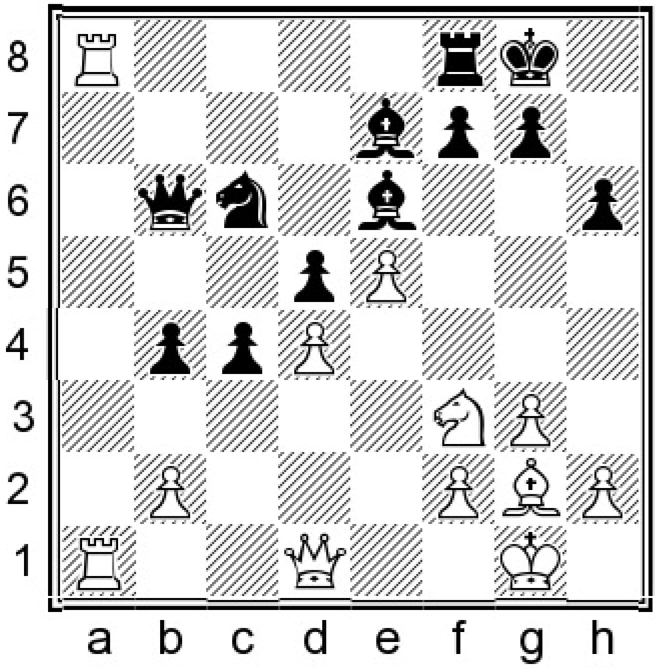
Black's (probably) best chance was to force an immediate trade of rooks and play 18...♗e6 19.♖xf8+ (In case of 19.♖fa1 Black grabs a pawn: 19...♘xd4) 19...♗xf8 20.♕d2 h6 White is better, however Black has better chances than in the game.

**19.♖fa1 ♗e6** Now Carlsen executes with a computer-like precision!



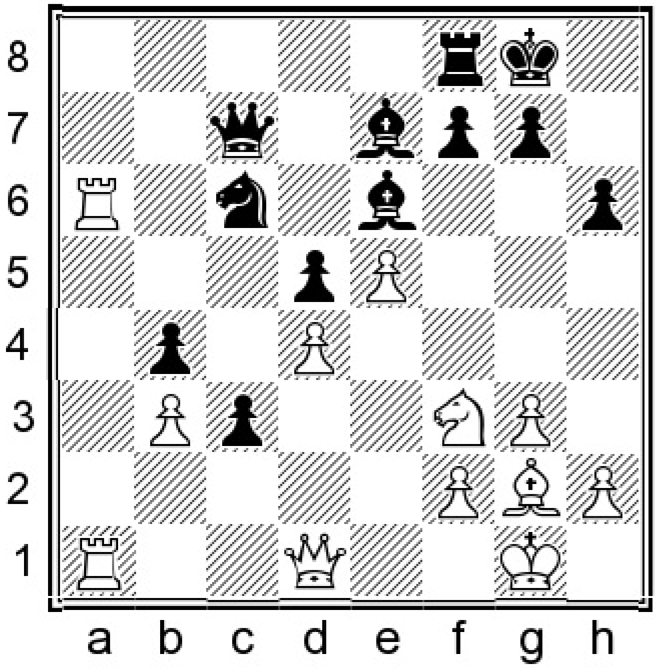
**20.♕d1!** Defends the pawn on d4 and also prepares Ne1-c2-e3 (the black pawn on d5 can easily become a target).

**20...b4** If Black would manage to push ...b3, White would not be able to improve his knight with the Ne1 manoeuvre.



**21.b3! c3** White's Nf3 needs to be improved, but first the black queen needs to be moved from the b6-square (so that the d4-pawn does not hang).

**22.♖8a6! ♕c7**



**23.♘e1!** Nc2-e3 is coming.

Black is in a bad shape here and does last ditch counterplay attempt. **23...f6 24.♘d3! fxe5 25.♘xe5 ♘xe5 26.♖xe6 c2 27.♕e1 1-0**

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| 2 | MAMEDYAROV | g | 2767 | 0 | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 8 |
| 3 | R. RAPPORT | g | 2763 | 0 | ½ | ■ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| 4 | ANISH GIRI | g | 2772 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ■ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 7½ |
| 5 | SERGEY KARJAKIN | g | 2743 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 7 |
| 6 | J. VAN FOREEST | g | 2702 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ■ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 7 |
| 7 | AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2714 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 6½ |
| 8 | F. CARUANA | g | 2792 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 6½ |
| 9 | J.-K. DUDA | g | 2760 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6 |
| 10 | S. VIDIT | g | 2727 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 11 | S. SHANKLAND | g | 2708 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5½ |
| 12 | PRAGGNANANDHAA | g | 2612 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ■ | 1 | 1 | 5½ |
| 13 | GRANDELIUS | g | 2672 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ■ | 1 | 4½ |
| 14 | DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2720 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ■ | 3½ |

**E05**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2865) - Giri, Anish (2772)**
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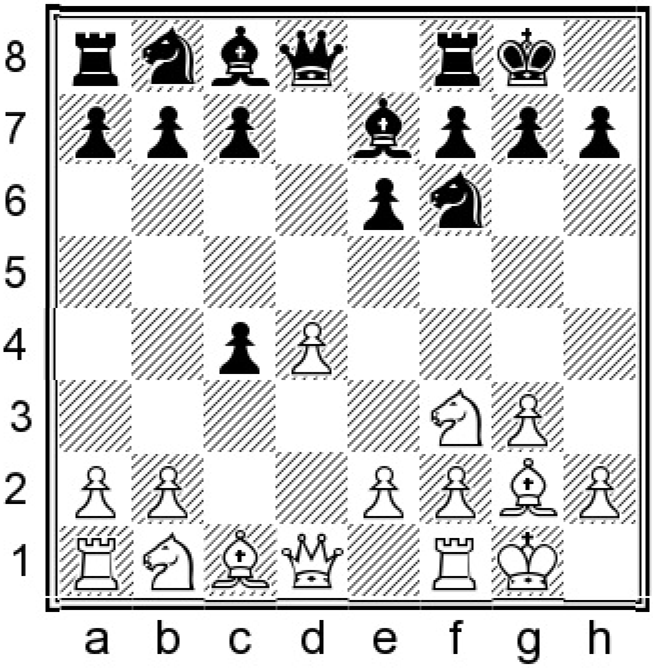
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4**

Just like in his games vs Rapport and Mamedyarov, Magnus follows on his "Wijk Catalan Strategy" and chooses (relatively) rarely played line.



**7.♘a3!?**

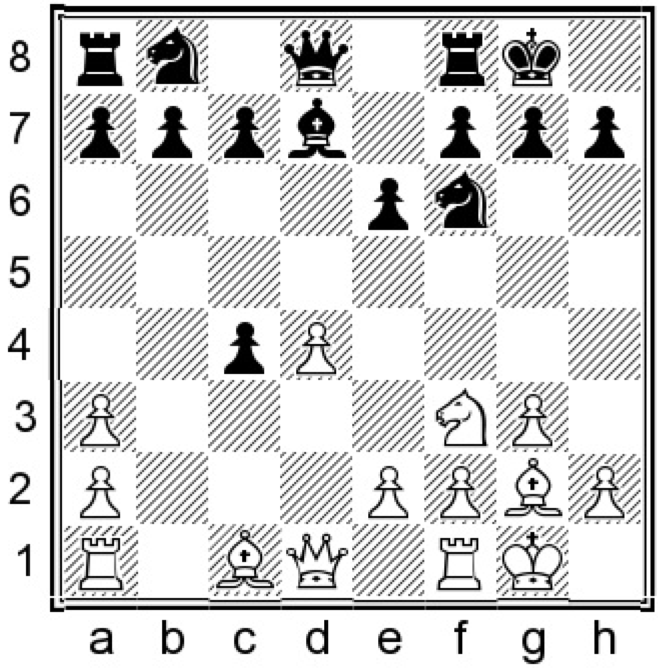
Anish goes for the most principled approach - **7...♗xa3**

Alternatives give White a "safe risk free Catalan type advantage". For example: 7...♗d7 8.♘xc4 ♗c6 9.♗f4 ♘bd7 10.♖c1 ♗d5 11.♘fe5 ♗xg2 12.♔xg2 ♘xe5 13.♗xe5± Krasenkow, Michal 2525 - Gagarin,Vasilij 2210, USSR 1989 - 47/(591)

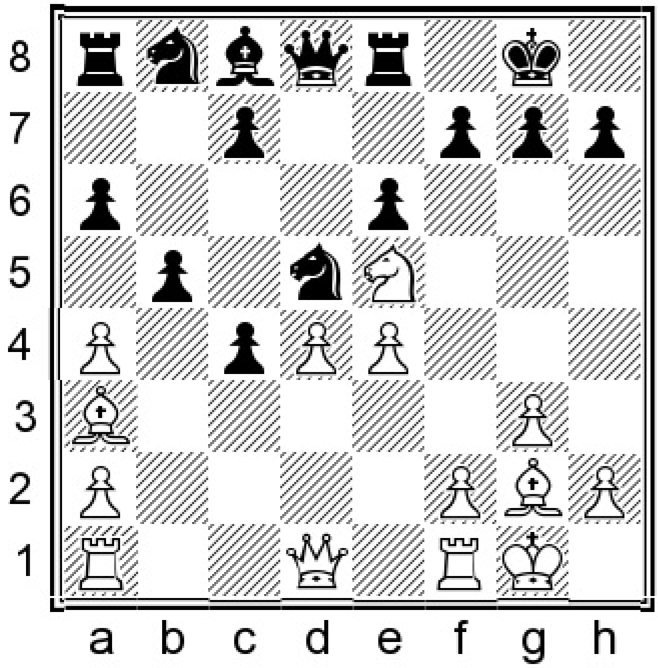
Or 7...c5 8.dxc5 ♗xc5 9.♘xc4 ♘c6 10.a3 ♕e7 11.b4 ♖d8 12.♗d2± Romanishin,Oleg 2595 - Kuzmin,Gennadi 2545, Yerevan (zt) 1981

**8.bxa3**

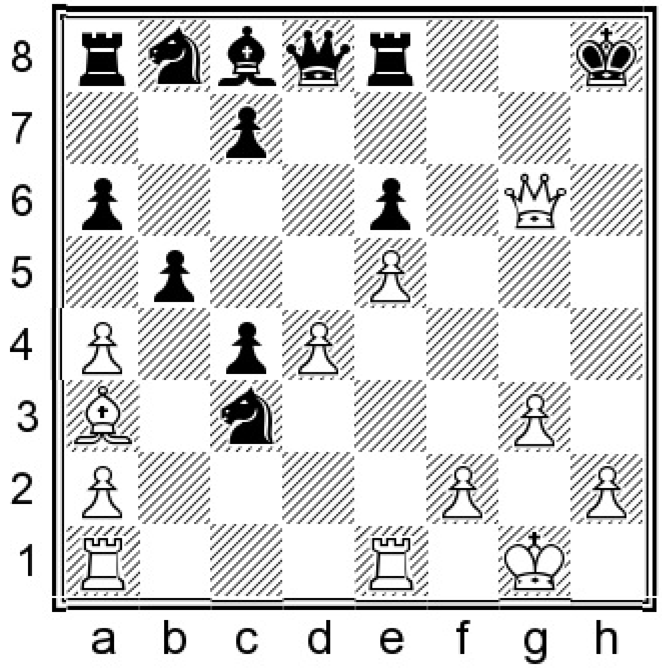
Anish Giri is not easily surprised in the opening phase, so he goes (probably) for the best line. **8...♗d7**



8...b5 Hangs to extra pawn challenging White to prove his compensation, but it is (least to say) risky for Black! After a (relatively) forced sequence of moves 9.a4 a6 10.♗a3 ♖e8 11.♘e5 ♘d5 12.e4



White has a strong initiative and in "human play" it is not easy for Black, e.g. 12...♘e7 (12...♘b6 runs into 13.♕h5 f6 14.a5! fxe5 (14...♘6d7?? 15.♘f7+- g6 16.♕h6) 15.axb6 cxb6 16.dxe5→; In case of 12...♘f6 White has a typical "Catalan sacrifice". 13.♘xf7! ♔xf7 14.e5 ♘d5 15.♕h5+ ♔g8 16.♗e4 g6 17.♗xg6 hxg6 18.♕xg6+ and unfortunately for Black, White has more than a draw. 18...♔h8 19.♖fe1 ♘c3

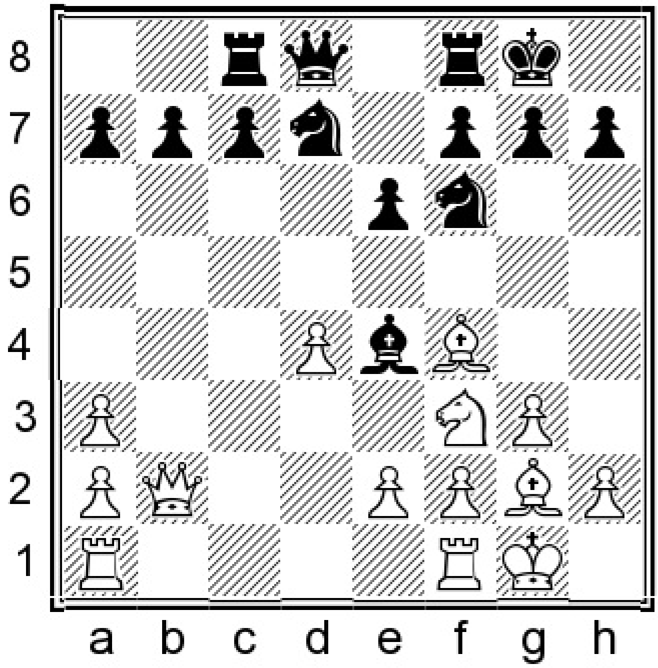


Now White has a nice pawn break destroying Black's coordination. 20.d5! (Game itself went 20.♖e3 ♗b7 White went on to win, but Black could have defended better in Krasenkow,Michal 2525 - Arbakov,Valentin 2400, USSR 1989 - 47/591) 20...♗b7 21.♖ad1+- and one of White's rooks will lift on the fourth rank, giving White a winning attack.) 13.♕h5 ♘g6 14.♖ad1 The game being (most probably) rapid or blitz - I am not sure, Levon Aronian allows (what should have been) a losing blunder 14...♗b7 (14...♘d7? 15.♘c6 ♘f6 (15...♕f6 loses to 16.e5 ♕f5 17.♕xf5 exf5 18.♘e7+ ♘xe7 19.♗xa8 ♘b6 20.♗g2 ♘xa4 Black took enough pawns for an exchange, however White has winning advantage after 21.d5+-) 16.♘xd8 ♘xh5 17.e5 ♖b8 18.♘c6 ♖a8 19.♘a5 ♖b8 Unfortunatelly for Black his Nh5 is trapped. 20.♗f3 ♗d7 21.axb5 axb5 22.♗b4+- White a had winning advantage, though Black managed to save the game in Le,Quang Liem 2708 - Aronian,Levon 2758, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/4-rapid) 2019) 15.f4=∞

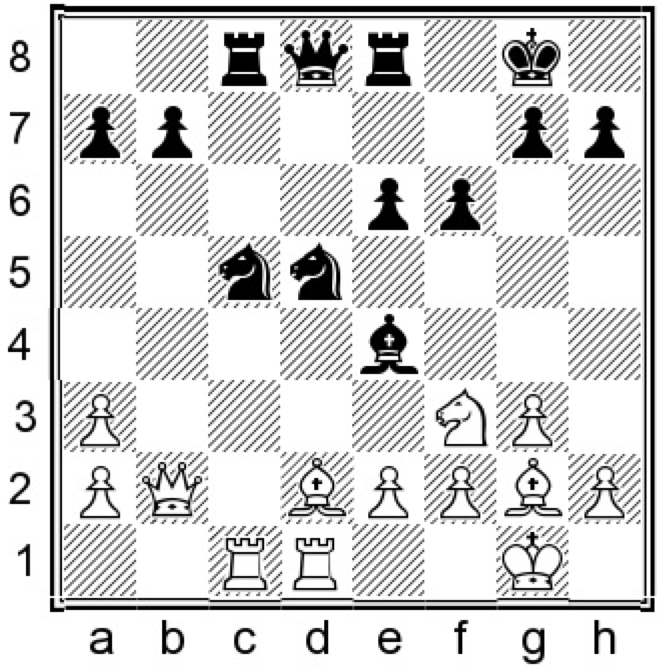
Now Magnus goes for a rarely played move: **9.a4!?**

9.♘e5 is considered to be White's main move, however theoretical verdict is Black to be OK after 9...♗c6 10.♘xc6 ♘xc6 A dynamic balance being perhaps a fair assessment here.

Players/readers interested in theoretical aspect should/can analyze 9.♕c2!? we have here one Internet top game, and White player allowed an instructive mistake. 9...♗c6 10.♕xc4 ♗d5 11.♕c2 ♗e4 12.♕b2 ♘bd7 13.♗f4 ♖c8



If choosing a colour, I would prefer to be White here. My engine gives me zeros though. 14.♖ac1 ♖e8 (Your engine will tell you that Black needs to play a "useful move" 14...h6 and to be around zeros. Obviously, we have many possibilities here and this position can be analyzed further.) 15.♖fd1 ♘d5 16.♗g5 f6 17.♗d2± c5 18.dxc5 ♘xc5

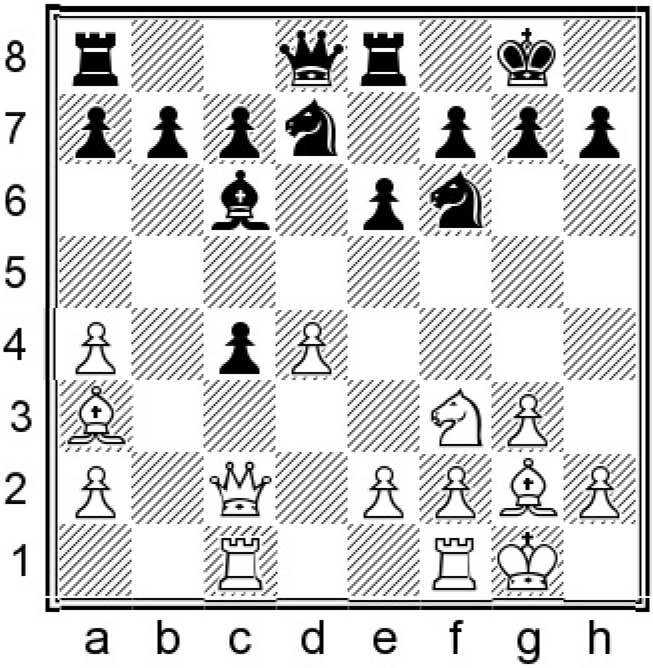


What to trade, what to keep? White made here an instructive mistake! White needs to keep the light-squared bishops and had to play 19.♗b4 (White decided for (a wrong trade) 19.♘e1? ♗xg2 20.♘xg2 ♕b6 21.♕xb6 ♘xb6 22.♗e3 ♘ca4∓ Black was better and went on to win in Le,Quang Liem 2709 - So,Wesley 2772, chess24.com (Internet-m/2-rapid) 2021) 19...♘a6 20.♗h3↑ with promising prospects.

**9...♗c6 10.♗a3 ♖e8 11.♕c2 ♘bd7**

There is no point delaying the c4-pawn loss with 11...♗d5 as White will take it anyway after 12.♖fe1 ♘bd7 13.e4 ♗c6 14.♗f1± (14.♘d2 is good too.)

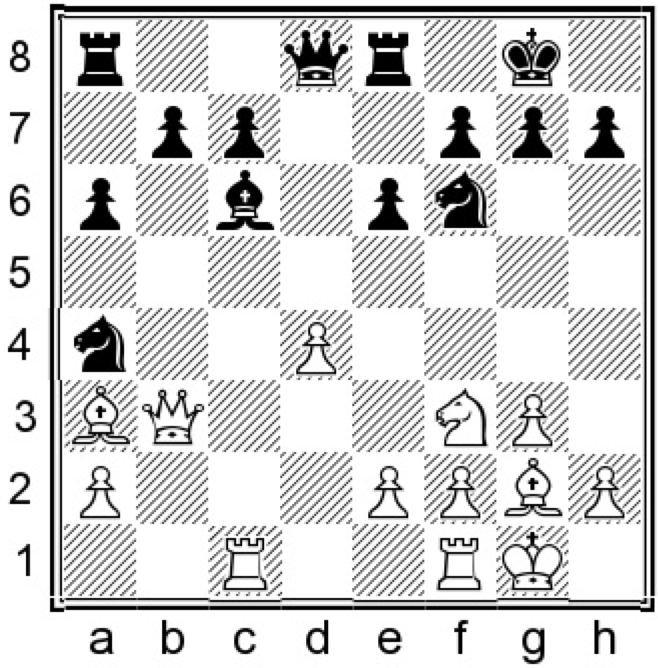
**12.♖ac1**



**12...a6** One of the advantages of 12...a6 (compared to 12...a5) here is that Black now wants 13...b5, more or less forcing White's next move.

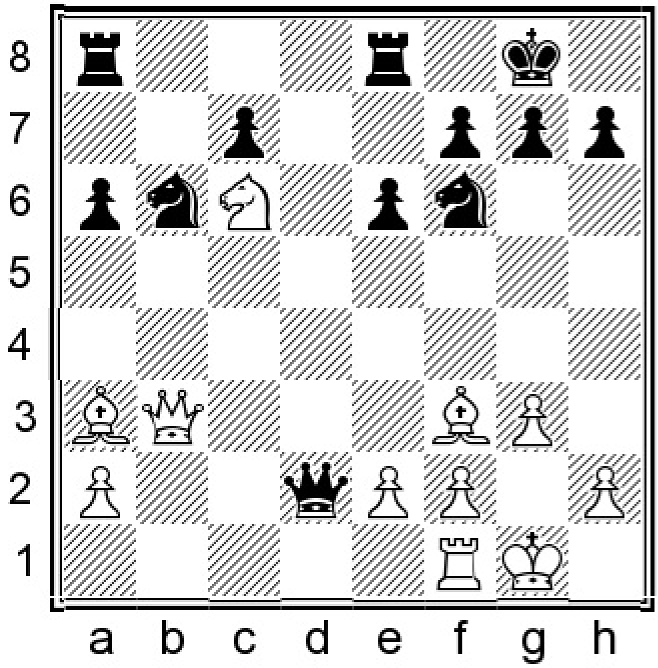
In a recent Internet game played just after this game, Black wanted to improve on Giri's play by giving himself ...Ra6 development option. 12...a5!? 13.♕xc4 ♘b6 14.♕d3 ♗e4 (If you are wondering if Black can grab a pawn with 14...♗xa4 yes, he can. After 15.e4 c6 16.♖fe1⩱ White has a standard Catalan type compensation. Does he have more, not easy to say.) 15.♕b3 ♗d5 16.♕c2 ♘c4 17.♗b2 ♖a6∞ Black went on to win in Wagner,Dennis 2584 - Bluebaum,Matthias 2642, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2022

**13.♕xc4 ♘b6 14.♕c3 ♘xa4 15.♕b3** White has a sufficient compensation here, having a typical Catalan Rc6 sacrificial idea. Giri, probably, plays (humanly) the best move.



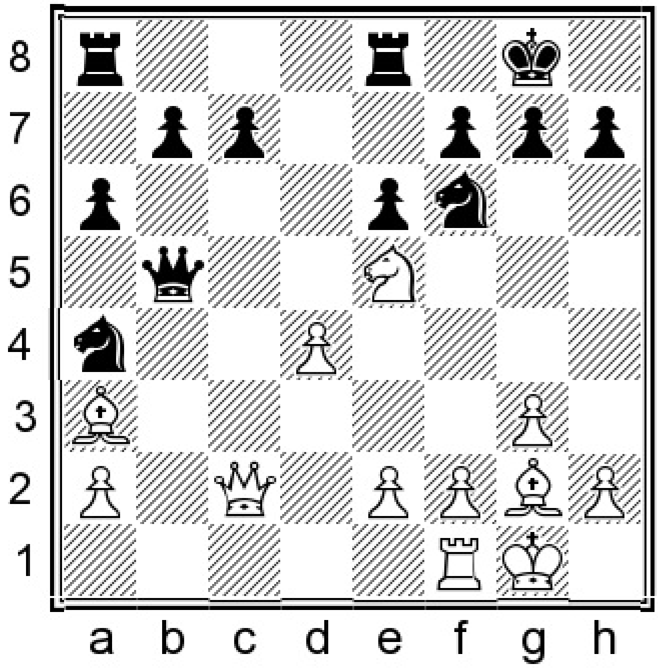
**15...♕d5!**

Your computer engine will be happy with 15...♘b6!?, however after 16.♖xc6! bxc6 17.♘e5 ♕xd4 18.♘xc6 ♕d2 19.♗f3=∞



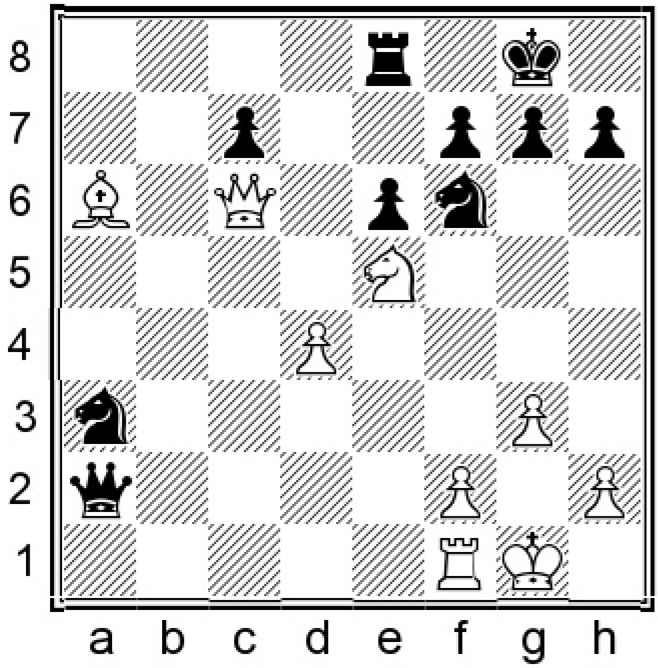
In a human play it is (I think) easier to be White.

White has to follow on his sacrificial idea and we soon reach the critical position! **16.♖xc6! ♕xc6 17.♘e5 ♕b5 18.♕c2** Critical moment!



**18...♘d5?** A losing mistake.

Black's best was 18...♘b6! after 19.♗xb7 it looks perhaps scarry for Black. However, he has 19...♘c4!= and chances are balanced, e.g. 20.♗xa8 ♘xa3 21.♕c6 ♕xe2 22.♗b7 ♕xa2 23.♗xa6



Black's knight on a3 looks almost trapped. However, White cannot take advantage of it. (23.♘g4 ♖f8 24.♘xf6+ gxf6= White does not have enough attacking power to inflict injuries to Black's kingside.) 23...♕c2 24.♖a1 ♕xc6 25.♘xc6 ♘c2 26.♖c1 ♖a8! 27.♗d3 ♘a1 28.♗c4 ♔f8= White cannot take advantage of Black's trapped knight while Black will liberate it either with ...Ne8-d6 or ...Nd7-b6.

**19.♖b1** Now White gets winning advantage.

**19...♕a5**

Magnus goes for the strongest "practical human solution". **20.♗xd5!**

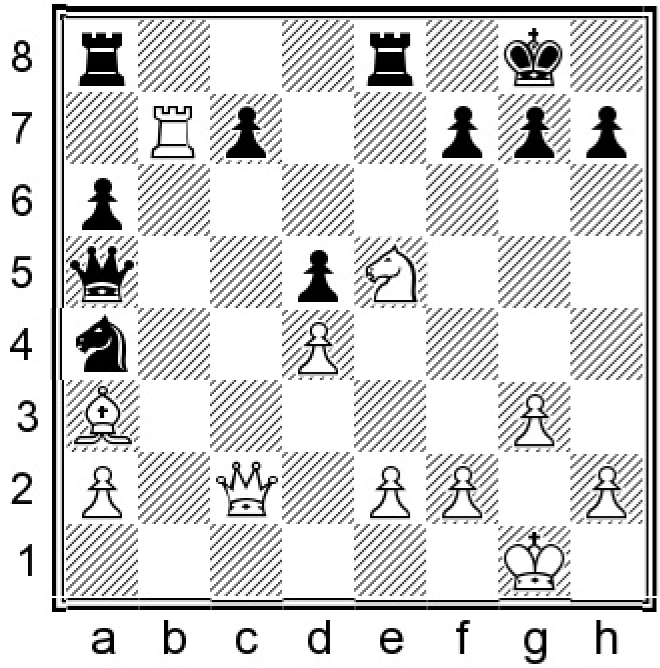
20.♘c4?? would have been a terrible blunder due to simple 20...♕c3 21.♕xa4 b5-+

My silicon friend thinks that including 20.♗e4 is even stronger.

**20...exd5**

Arguably, Black's best resistance was to go for 20...♕xd5 21.♕xa4 is easy for computer engine to suggest. However, the question is not "if", but "when".

**21.♖xb7+-**



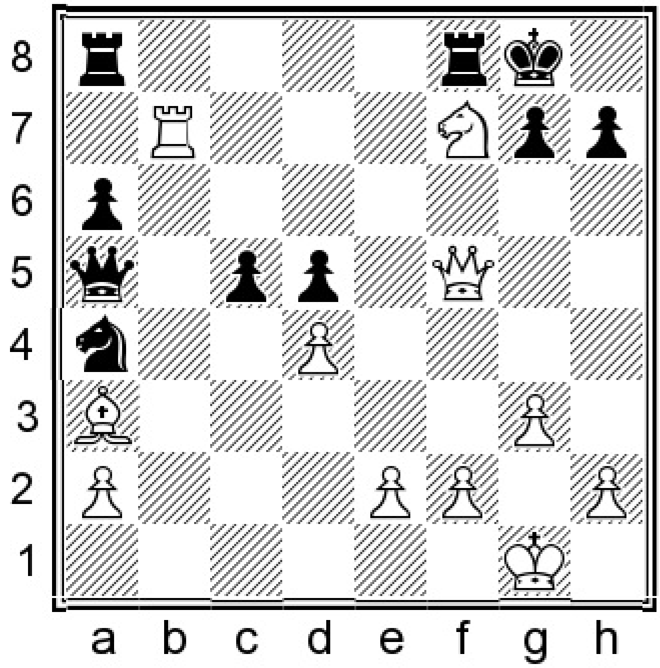
Black's king has no defenders, queen and knight are stranded on the a-file. Black's position looks bad, and well..... it is even worse than it looks. **21...c5**

21...♕e1+ 22.♔g2 ♘c3 23.♘f3! ♕xe2 24.♕xc3 ♖ac8 25.♕c6+-;

21...♘c3 22.♗b4+-;

21...♖ac8 22.♗b4+-

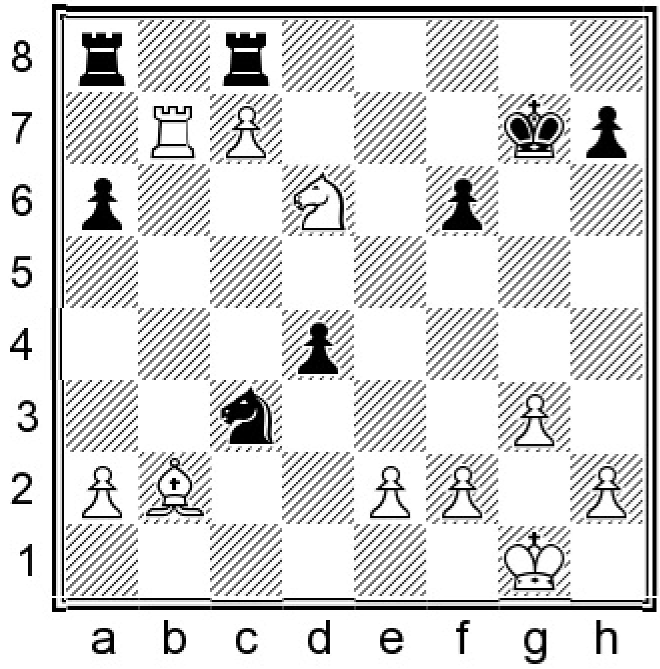
**22.♕f5 ♖f8 23.♘xf7**



Black manages to avoid getting check-mated, but lands in a hopeless endgame. **23...♕d8 24.dxc5 ♕f6**

24...♕c8 25.♕xd5+-

**25.♕xf6 gxf6 26.♘h6+ ♔h8 27.c6 ♖fc8 28.c7 ♘c3 29.♗b2 d4 30.♘f7+ ♔g7 31.♘d6**

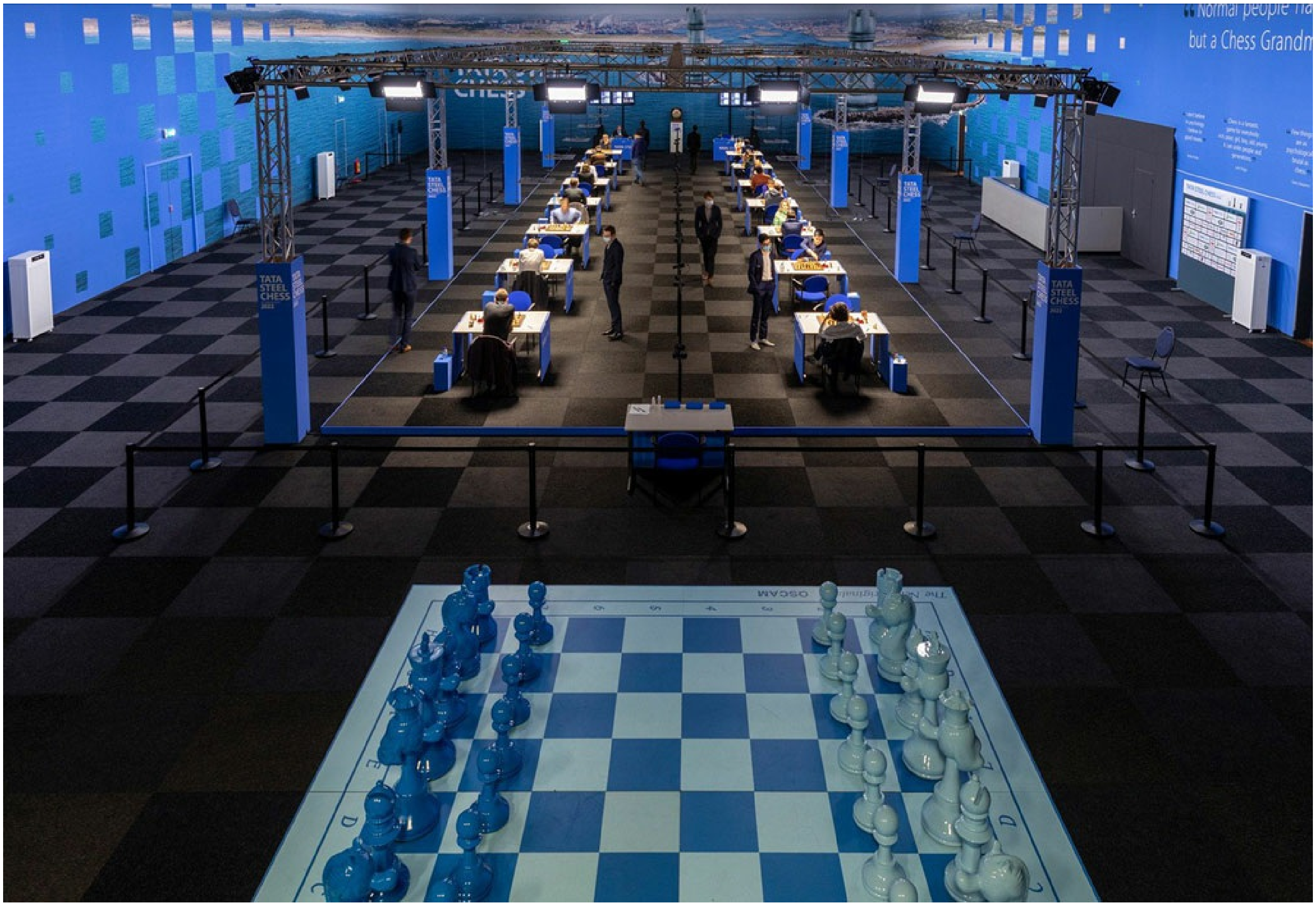


**31...♔g6**

31...♘xe2+ trying to eliminate the pawn deficit, but it does not help Black after 32.♔f1 ♘c3 33.♗xc3 dxc3 34.♔e2+-

**32.♔f1 ♘b5 33.♘xc8 ♖xc8** White is two healthy pawns up.

**34.a4 ♘xc7 35.♗xd4 ♘e6 36.♗e3 1-0**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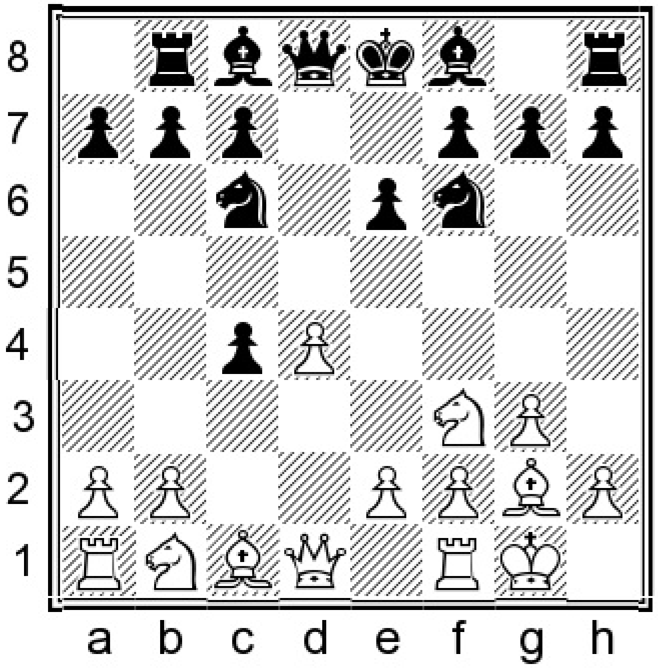
**E04**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2865) - Rapport, Richard (2763)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**

**1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 ♘c6 6.O-O ♖b8**

We have one popular Catalan line being played in countless top level games. Just like in his games vs Mamedyarov or Giri Magnus comes up with a rarely played line.



**7.♗e3!?** We have just a few games here, and the idea Carlsen follows belongs to Croatian GM Zdenko Kozul.

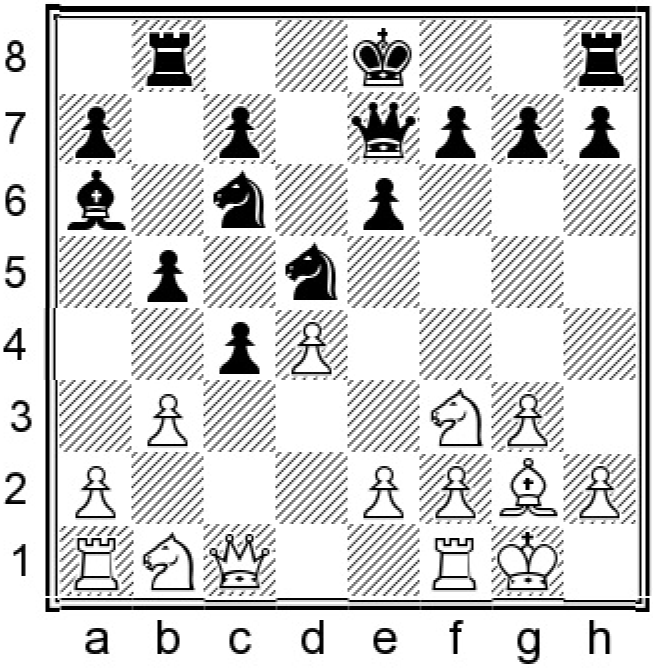
We have plenty of top level games in 7.♘c3 or 7.e3 or 7.a4 or 7.♗g5.

I do not think White gets an opening advantage with the 7.Be3 idea and I doubt Magnus believes White has one either. The idea, however, has a strong practical value, as Black has to deal with a novel position in over the board play. Most logical for Black is to develop his Bf8, and the only question being should the bishop go to e7 or to d6. Richard goes for the latter one.

**7...♗d6**

The aforementioned Kozul's game went 7...♗e7 and White went for an idea Magnus is to follow on 8.♕c1 (8.♘fd2 does not bring advantage to White, as after 8...♘d5 9.♘xc4 ♘xe3 White has to recapture with a pawn and Black has good game after 10.fxe3 O-O) 8...b5 White plays idea Magnus will follow. However, here the black bishop is on e7. (In case of 8...♘d5 White can probably allow pawn structure damage 9.♕xc4!? ♘xe3 10.fxe3 O-O 11.♘bd2± as Black has some problems to develop.) 9.b3 O-O 10.bxc4 bxc4 11.♕xc4 ♘b4 12.♕c1 ♗a6 with balanced position, game later ended in a draw, Kozul,Zdenko 2589 - Farago,Ivan 2367, Karlsruhe (open) 2019;

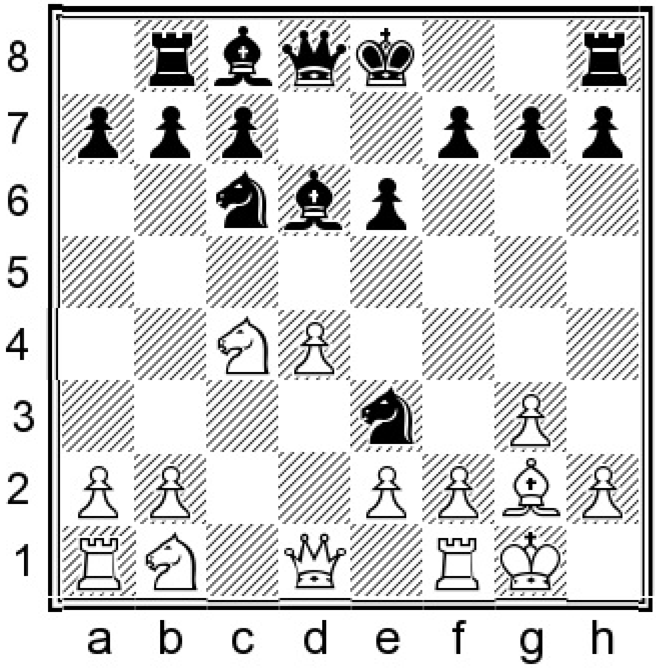
7...♘d5 was played in one of few games that reached this position. I am not sure as to what is White's best reaction and will give a few possible "runs of play". In the game White decided to quickly develop not minding parting with his bishop pair. 8.♕c1 (Interesting variation is 8.♗g5 ♗e7 (8...f6 9.♗d2) 9.♗xe7 ♕xe7 10.♕c1 b5 and Black's queenside needs to be undermined. 11.b3 ♗a6



12.a4! - and we get interesting materially unbalanced position after 12...♘a5 13.axb5 ♘xb3 14.♕xc4 ♘xa1 15.♕c6+ ♕d7 16.♕xa6=∞; 8.♗d2 ♗e7 does not looks convincing, as 9.♕c1 (9.a4 looks about equal.) 9...b5 10.b3 does not achieve its aim as after 10...♗a6 11.a4 b4! 12.bxc4 ♘b6∓ White does not have a good way to defend his central pawns.) 8...♘xe3 9.♕xe3 (In case of 9.fxe3?! Black changes his plans on the Bf8 development. 9...g6! 10.♕xc4 ♗h6 Black had (as minimum) satisfactory play in Janik,Igor 2466 - Leniart, Arkadiusz 2508, Bialystok 2019) 9...♗e7 (9...g6? is now not good for Black as after 10.♘bd2 ♗g7 (Being undeveloped, Black cannot afford a move like 10...b5? due to 11.d5 (Or 11.♘e5)) 11.♘xc4 Black has a passive position as White's pawn on d4 is taboo. 11...♘xd4? 12.♖fd1 c5 13.♘xd4 cxd4 (13...♗xd4 14.♕f4+-) 14.♕a3+-) 10.♘bd2 b5 11.b3

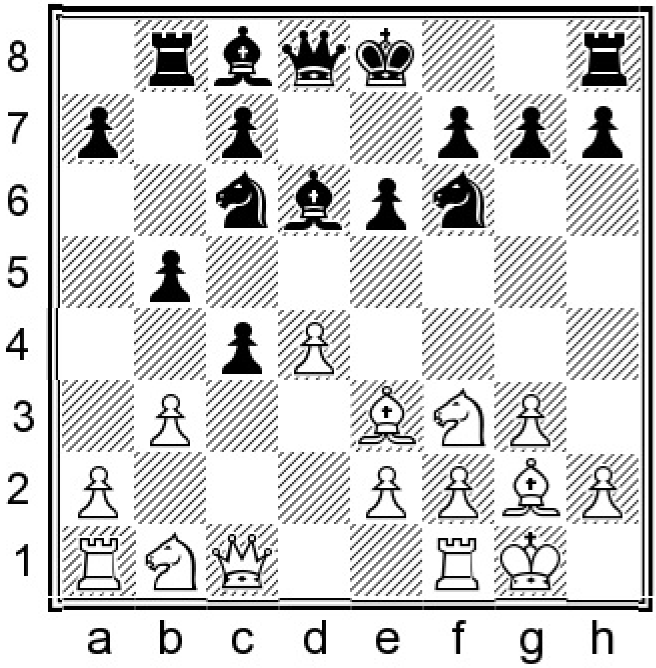
Magnus decides to follow plan from the mentioned Kozul's game. **8.♕c1**

With the black bishop being developed to d6, White has interesting possibility and most likely (theoretical) improvement in 8.♘fd2!? ♘d5 9.♘xc4 ♘xe3



Now with the black bishop on d6 White's d4-pawn is not hanging and White can recapture with his knight. 10.♘xe3± White has some advantage here, as Black's attempt to "liberate" does not work that well. 10...e5 11.dxe5 ♗xe5 12.♘c3 O-O (12...♕xd1 13.♖fxd1 O-O 14.♖ac1 ♗e6 15.♗xc6 bxc6 16.b3±) 13.♕a4↑

**8...b5 9.b3**



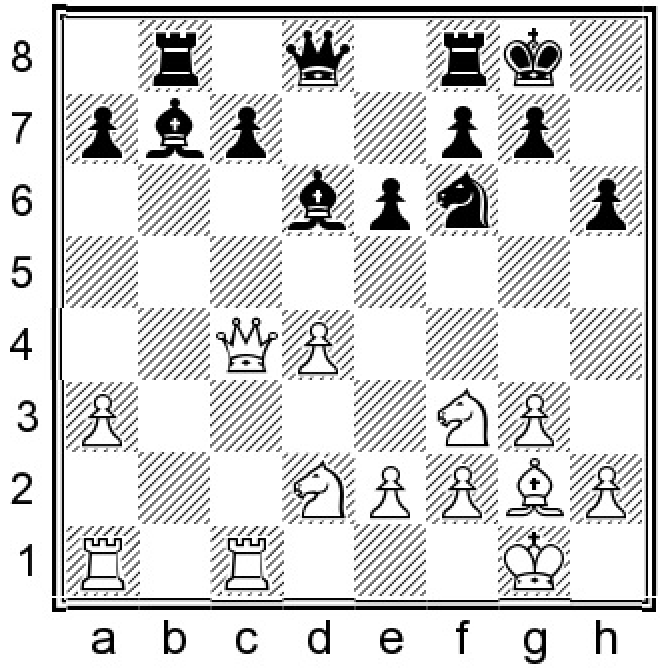
**9...♗b7** A logical development. However, it is not clear what the best place for this bishop is.

Black could have (like Kozul vs Farago) delayed his bishop development decision and play 9...O-O!? after 10.bxc4 bxc4 position looks about equal: 11.♕xc4 (11.♘bd2 ♘a5 12.♘xc4 ♘xc4 13.♕xc4 ♗b7= (13...♖b4!? 14.♕d3 ♗b7=)) 11...♘b4=

**10.bxc4 bxc4 11.♕xc4 ♘b4** White got his pawn back, while Black finished his development. Black's c-pawn weakness should be of academic value.

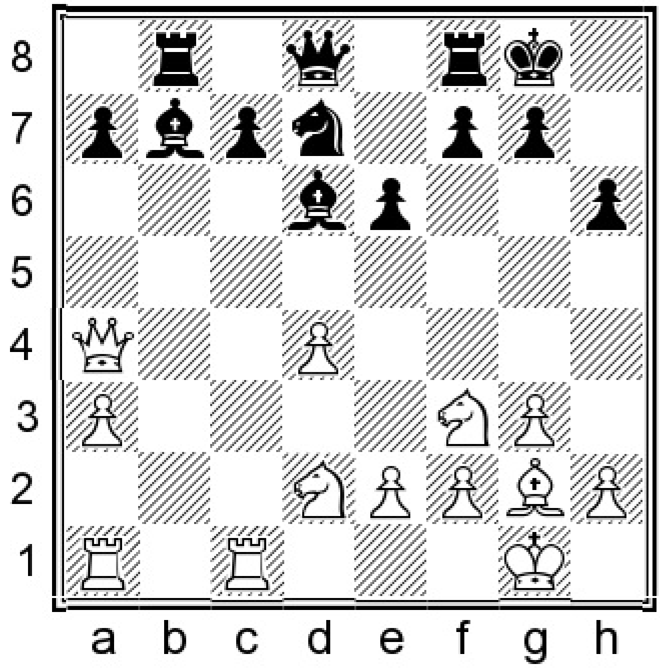
**12.a3 ♘bd5 13.♗g5 O-O 14.♘bd2** Rapport correctly takes White's bishop pair.

**14...h6 15.♗xf6 ♘xf6 16.♖fc1**



And now Black prepares ...c5 to get rid of his c-pawn weakness. **16...♘d7**

White wants to slow down Black's "liberation" by attacking his a-pawn. **17.♕a4**



**17...c5!** This should have equalized.

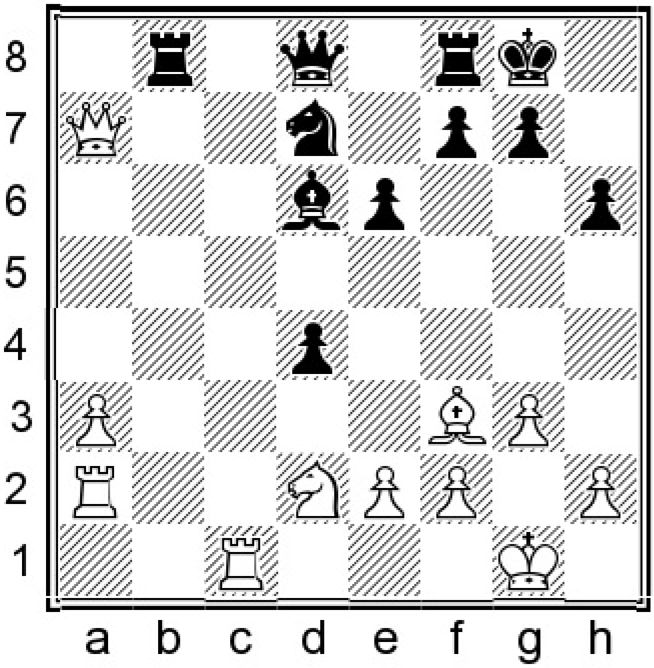
**18.♕xa7 ♗xf3** Black wants his pawn back and possibly to "liquidate".

Black could have played "for compensation" and keep dynamics with 18...♗d5 19.♕a6 ♗e7= It is difficult and unthankful to speculate, however this continuation could have been more in Richard Rapport's dynamic style. Was his choice influenced by the fact that Carlsen was sitting on the other side of the board?! Perhaps!

**19.♗xf3**

19.♘xf3 may (at first glance) look more logical, however after 19...♖a8 20.♕b7 cxd4 21.♘xd4 ♖xa3 White's initiative is likely to evaporate into a draw.

**19...cxd4 20.♖a2** White banks on his passed a-pawn and also has the Qd4 threat (now rook being moved from the h8-a1 diagonal). Critical moment! Black can hold the equality, but needs to be precise!



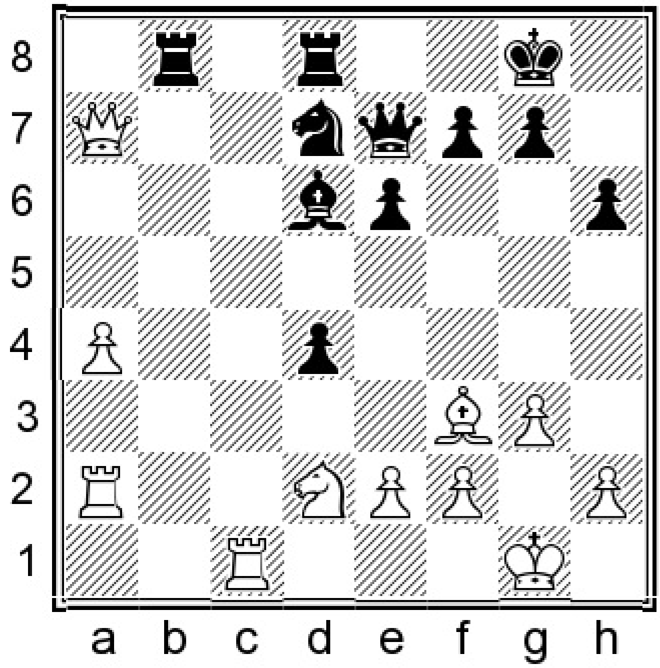
**20...♕e7?** Mistake that cost Black the game.

Accurate defence was 20...♘e5! Black wants to push d3 should hold the game, as 21.♕xd4 is answered by 21...♗xa3!=

**21.a4!** In only one move situation has dramatically changed! White's a-pawn is running fast, while black d4-pawn hangs as well.

**21...♖fd8**

21...♖b4 Keeping the pawn runs into other set of problems, as White's a-pawn is simply too strong, e.g. 22.a5 ♗b8 23.♕a6 ♘c5 24.♕c6 ♗a7 25.♘e4 ♘xe4 26.♗xe4+- How bad is Black's situation? Well.... very bad! In *Stockfish* language more than plus two.



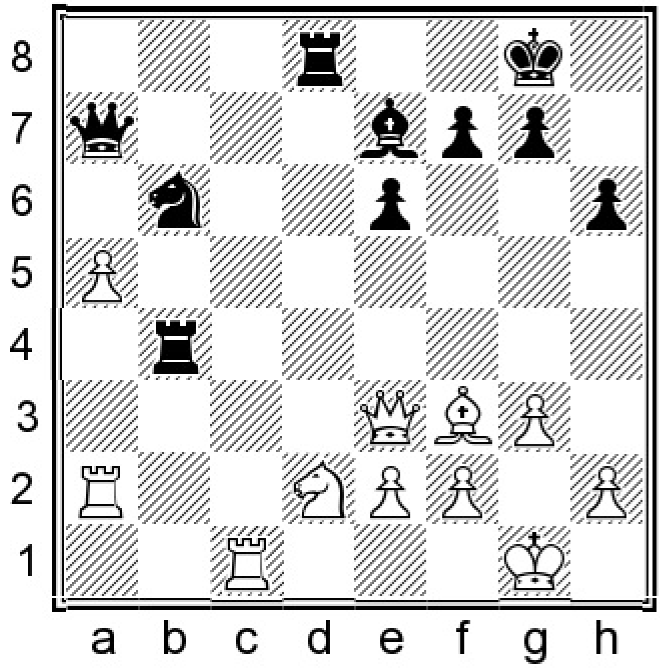
**22.♕xd4!** White is a sound pawn up while White's a-pawn simply runs away.

**22...♖b4 23.♕c3 ♘b6 24.a5+- ♕a7**

24...♘d5 25.♗xd5 exd5 26.a6+- Δ♕xe2 27.a7 ♕e8 28.♕c6

**25.♕e3 ♗e7**

25...♗b8 26.a6+-



**26.♖cc2** Now Black suffers decisive material loses.

**26...♗g5 27.♕c5 ♗e7 28.axb6 ♕xa2 29.♕xe7 ♕xc2 30.♕xd8+ ♔h7 31.b7 1-0**

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*Magnus Carlsen vs Richard Rapport, Wijk aan Zee 2022; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022*

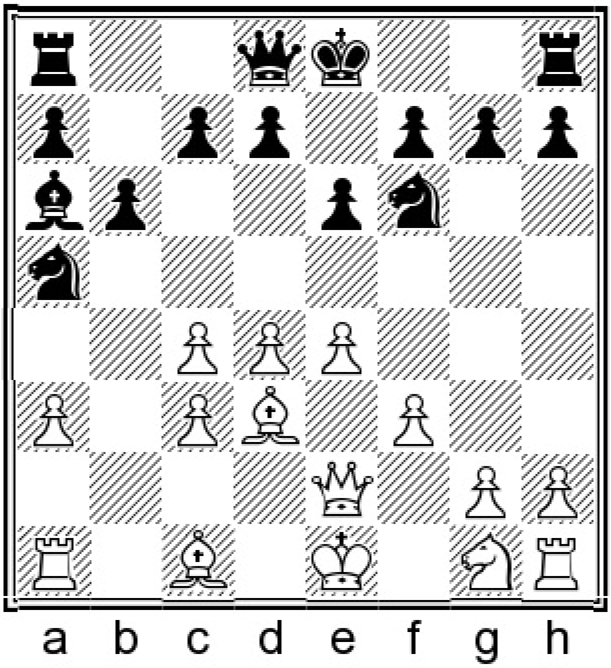
The defending Wijk Champion winner Jorden van Foreest played his usual (full of ideas) combative chess winning not fewer than five games (!) and sharing 4-7 place with Giri and Karjakin (taking into account free forfeit point Giri got vs Dubov). In the Dutch derby Jorden van Foreest slaughtered his compatriot.

**E24**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2702) - Giri, Anish (2772)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.a3**

The Saemisch Variation is making its comeback in the Nimzo, though it likely came as a surprise for Giri (in this game). I have recently made a course on the Saemisch Nimzo for Chessable and Jorden actually used some of that work to prepare for this game. Black has many options to fight White's concept, and Anish chose one of the main lines.

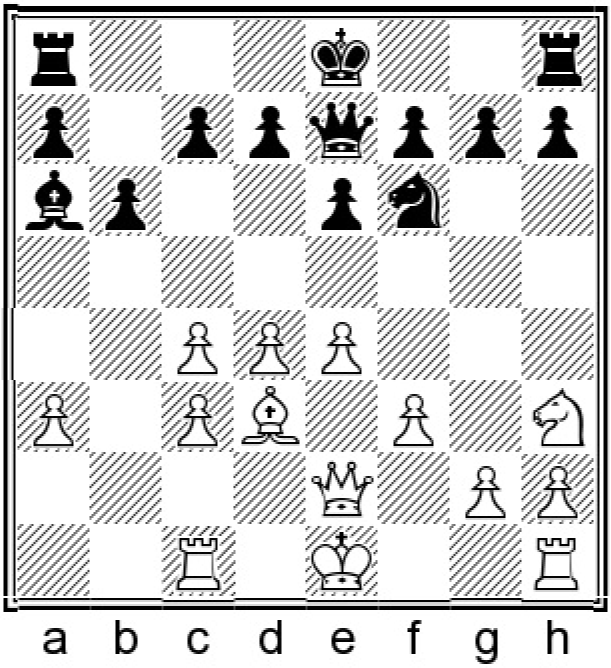
**4...♗xc3+ 5.bxc3 b6 6.f3 ♘c6 7.e4 ♘a5 8.♗d3 ♗a6 9.♕e2**



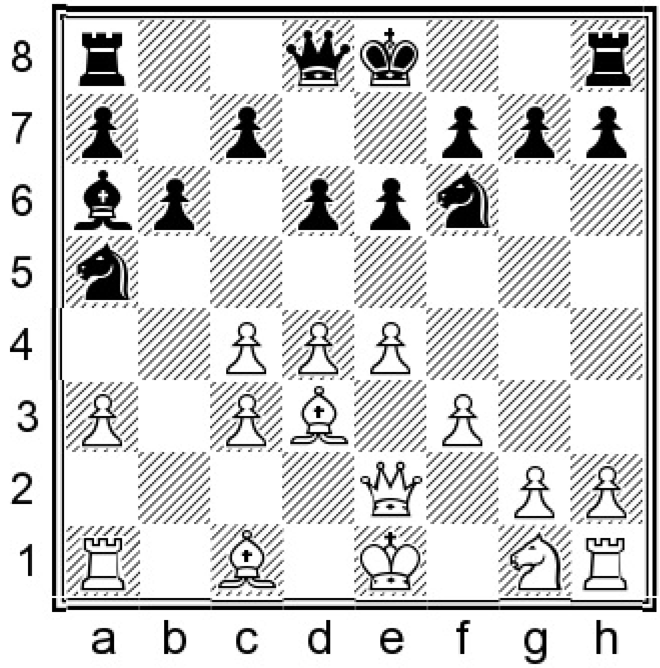
Critical position as Black's decision here will determine the nature of the ensuing fight. Black can here either decide to focus on White's c4-pawn weakness (not being worried about the potential attack White might develop), or play 9...Nb3 eliminating White's dark-squared bishop (which somewhat diminishes White's attacking potential, but also lessens pressure on White's c4-pawn weakness). Anish choses the former, focusing on White's c4-pawn weakness.

**9...d6**

In my opening course I recommended 9...♘b3 eliminating White's pair of bishops. It has not been played much, but certainly has its merits. 10.♖b1 ♘xc1 11.♖xc1 Play may continue 11...♕e7 (11...O-O is also possible for Black, though it gives White 12.f4 possibility.) 12.♘h3



12...d6! Most logical for White is to continue taking space (Pawn grab 12...♕xa3? is wrong for Black as White gets more than "just a compensation". 13.O-O ♕e7 14.e5 ♘g8 15.♗e4 c6 16.♖a1 ♗b7 17.f4 due to development advantage, White's initiative is worth much more than a pawn. White went on to win in Bosiocic,Marin 2562 - Smith,Bryan 2450, Zagreb 2012) 13.f4, however after 13...e5 though White's position looks very promising, Black has his resources and is difficult for White to prove anything tangible.

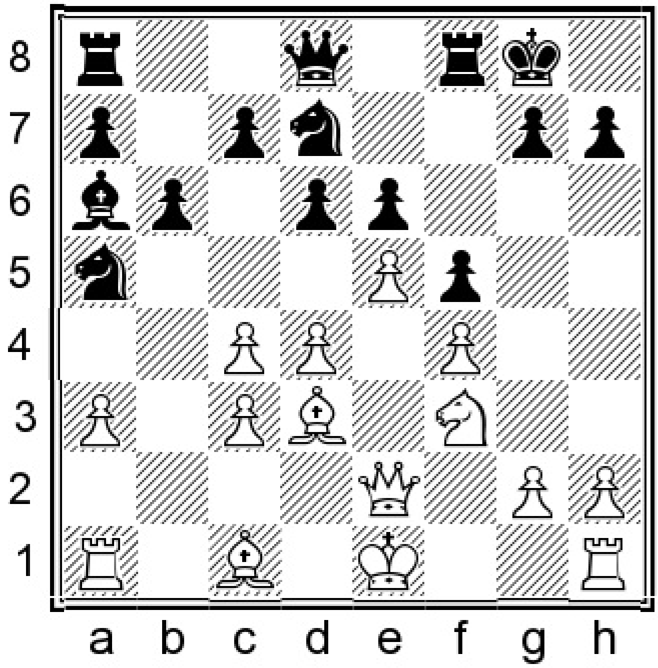


**10.f4!** A rarely played move - I recommended in my course!

10.♘h3 ♕d7 11.♖b1 c5 is likely the line Giri wanted to go for.

**10...♕d7** This move does not achieve its aim, however situation is already far from easy for Black!

In the case of move like 10...O-O Black falls under strong attack after 11.e5! ♘d7 12.♘f3 (13.Bh7 is a threat, so Black's decision is more or less forced.) 12...f5

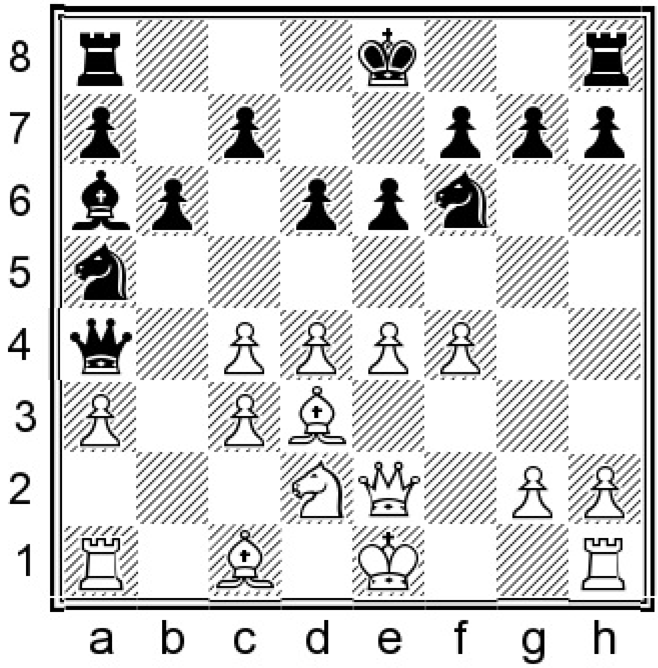


13.exf6! This leads to (pretty much) hassle-free (large) advantage for White. (I had this position (as Black) in a rapid training game with Lucas van Foreest (Jorden's brother) who allowed instructive mistake. Lucas took 13.exd6? and after 13...♖e8! Black was already better. White is momentarily a pawn up, but will lose his c-pawn and be left with bad dark-squared bishop. The game continued 14.c5 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3 bxc5 16.dxc7 ♕xc7 White is strategically lost. 17.O-O c4! 18.♕e2 ♘f6∓ Black knights are dominating.) 13...♘xf6 14.♘g5 ♕d7 15.♘xe6 ♖ae8 16.f5 now Black can get his pawn back, but nevertheless lands in a bad position. 16...♗xc4! 17.♗xc4 ♕c6 18.O-O ♘xc4 19.♗g5± and the material is equal. White's Ne6 is a nightmare for Black!

"Pre-emptive move" like 10...♘d7 moving away from the e5 tempo, does not equalize, as Black struggles to find counterplay after a simple 11.♘f3±

In case of 10...c5 Black is in trouble after 11.e5!

**11.♘f3 ♕a4 12.♘d2**



In my Chessable Saemisch course, I described this position as a good situation for White. Black has piled up his pieces on the a-file, while not being able to achieve anything meaningful on the queenside or able to further increase pressure on the white c4-pawn. White, on the other hand, has stable situation on the queenside and good attacking prospects on the kingside.

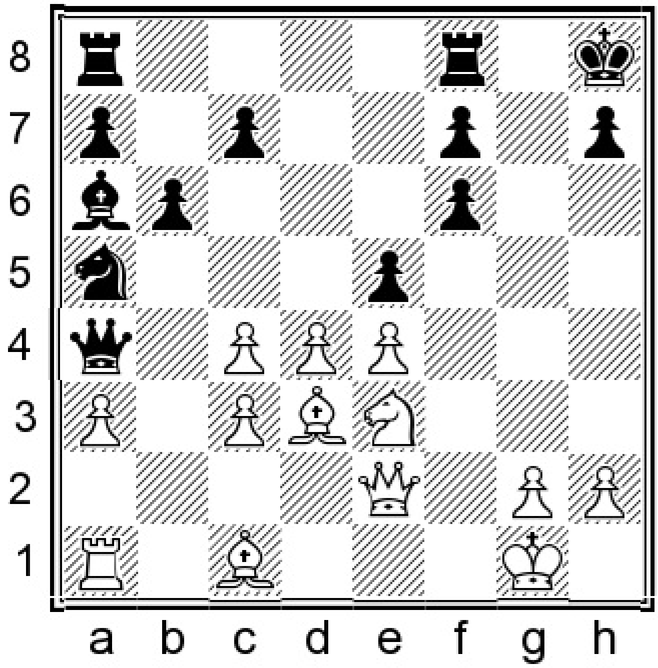
**12...e5 13.O-O O-O 14.fxe5** White was not forced to hurry with this capture, but I think initially Jorden wanted to immediately sacrifice on f6.

White could have also started with 14.♖b1

**14...dxe5** White took his time to evaluate Rf6 sacrifice and decided to postpone it. White is now ready to play Rb4 and free his Nd2 from the c4-pawn defensive duty, while Rf6 idea is still present.

**15.♖b1**

Immediate 15.♖xf6 was certainly possible, however after 15...gxf6 16.♘f1 ♔h8 (16...♗xc4? loses to 17.♗h6 ♔h8 18.♕f2! ♕c6 19.d5 ♕d6 20.♘e3!+- Δ♗xd3 21.♘f5 ♕c5 22.♗e3 ♕xc3 23.♖c1 ♕xa3 24.♕h4) 17.♘e3=∞



White has a good compensation, but it is not easy to estimate the size of it.

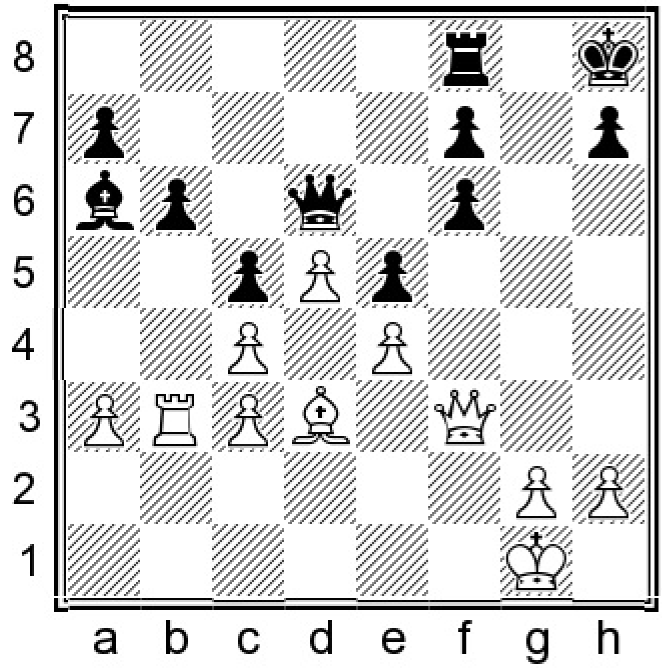
**15...c5** Anish leaves his knight on f6 and now is really "asking for it"!

Depriving White from the sacrificial option 15...♘d7 was possible but after 16.♖b4! ♕c6 White's Nd2 can now engage to the kingside (basic idea behind 15.Rb1). 17.♘f3 White obtains a dangerous attack. 17...f6 (17...♖ae8 18.♘h4→) 18.♘h4→

Jorden takes a principled decision! **16.♖xf6! gxf6**

White continues with the "most human" continuation: **17.♕f3**

My *Stockfish 14* gives the following line 17.♘b3!? ♘xb3 18.♗h6 ♔h8 19.♕f3 ♕c6 20.d5 ♕d6 21.♗xf8 ♖xf8 22.♖xb3±

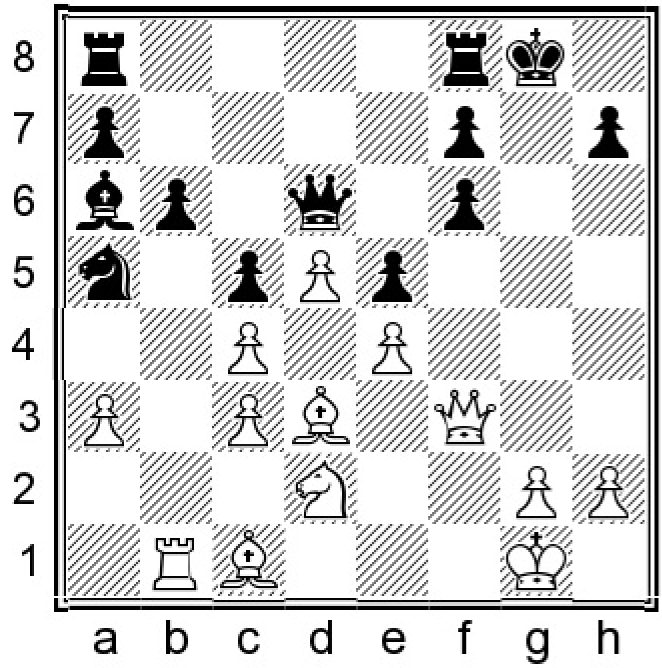


and evaluates more than plus one.... humanly... it is obvious that White is clearly better, but it is not obvious (at least not to me) that Black will not to be able to defend his weaknesses. It is very possible that Jorden saw this line, but was worried that Black would be able to hold.

**17...♕c6** Black hopes to have better defensive chances keeping the position relatively closed.

17...cxd4 18.cxd4 ♕c6 was possible, but the position looks (similar to the game) promising for White after 19.d5 ♕d6 20.♘f1±

**18.d5 ♕d6**



**19.♘f1! ♔h8**

Black does not have the time to take on c4, as 19...♗xc4?? loses to prosaic 20.♘e3 ♗xd3 21.♘f5.

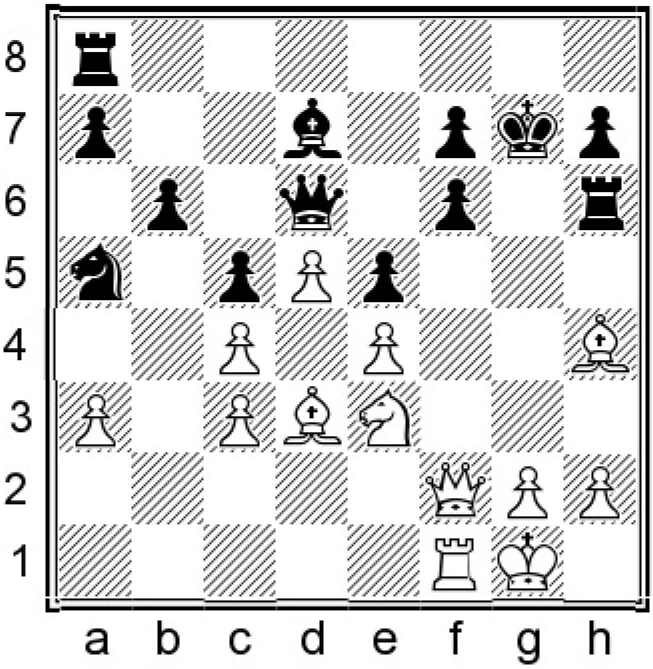
We have a typical Nimzo Saemisch position going bad for Black. A textbook example of Black having knight stranded on a5 (practically being a piece down), while White having killing attack on the kingside! **20.♘e3**

Also good for White was 20.♘g3 ♗c8 21.♘h5 ♖g8 22.h3 with Rb2-f2 to follow and White should win.

**20...♗c8 21.♗d2 ♖g8** Black does not have any (immediate) counterplay, so White has plenty of time to improve his pieces.

**22.♗e1 ♖g6 23.♗h4 ♖h6 24.♕f2 ♗d7** Black is not in time with ...Rg8-g6.

**25.♖f1 ♔g7** Now comes the final part of the execution. If the light-squared bishops are traded, White's knight on f5 will be a monster.



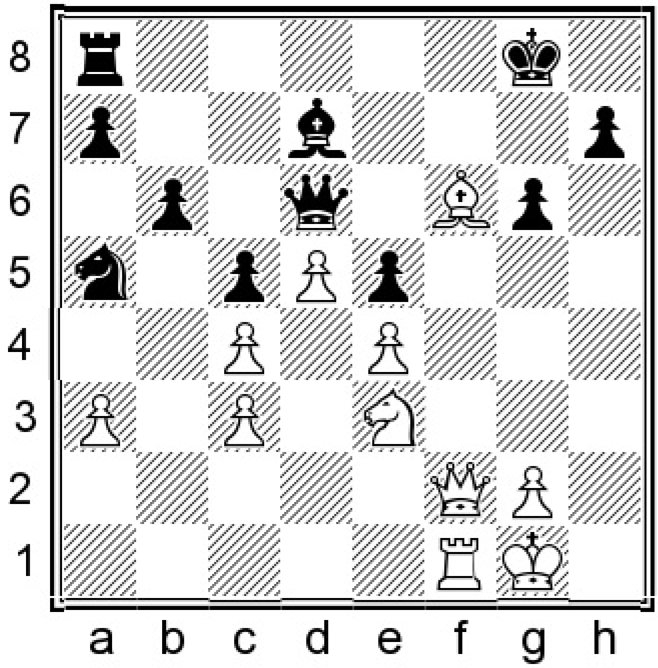
**26.♗e2!+- ♖g6 27.h3**

Also winning for White was 27.♗h5 ♖f8 28.h3 ♘b7 29.♗g4+- and Black's position collapses.

Facing difficult choice between allowing Bg4 or losing an exchange, Giri chooses the latter. Black's position cannot be saved anyway. **27...♗xh3 28.♗h5 ♗d7**

28...♖h6?? speeds things up: 29.gxh3 ♖xh5 30.♗xf6+ ♔f8 31.♕g3+-

**29.♗xg6 fxg6 30.♗xf6+ ♔g8**



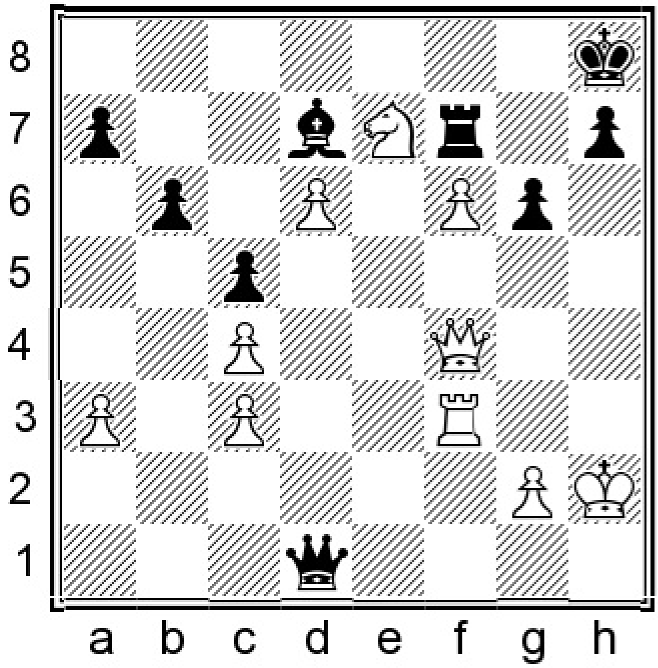
Now we have material equality, while none of Black's problems have been solved.

**31.♕h4 ♖f8 32.♖f3** Black cannot prevent loss of his e5-pawn.

**32...♖f7 33.♕g5 ♕f8 34.♕xe5**

The rest of the game does not require commentary.

**34...♘b7 35.♕f4 ♘d6 36.e5 ♘e8 37.d6 ♘xf6 38.exf6 ♕e8 39.♘d5 ♕e1+ 40.♔h2 ♕d1 41.♘e7+ ♔h8** Time control has been reached, so Jorden takes his time and finishes game in style.



**42.♖h3!!** Giri resigns.

42.♖h3 After 42...♗xh3 43.d7 comes with Qb8 to follow;

Less fancy 42.♕e5+- was winning too.

**1-0**

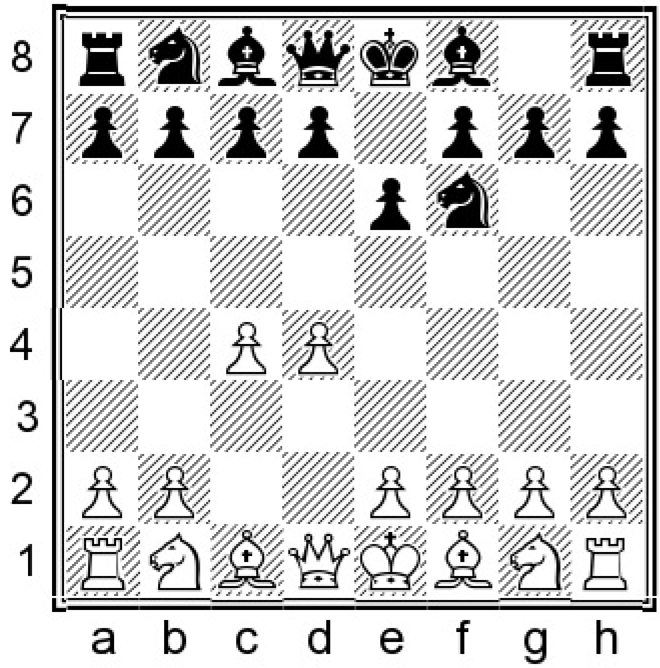
*Anish Giri vs Jorden van Foreest, Wijk aan Zee 2022; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022*

Shakhriyar Mamedyarov played highly imaginative chess. In the following game Shakhriyar showed that novelties are possible as early as move three!

**E00**
**Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6**

It is quite unusual to come up with a novelty (no any GM games played, so in its essence a novelty) on move three! Nowadays pushing the g-pawn at early stage of the game is popular and in some internet blitz games I even found 1.d4 Nf6 2.g4!?

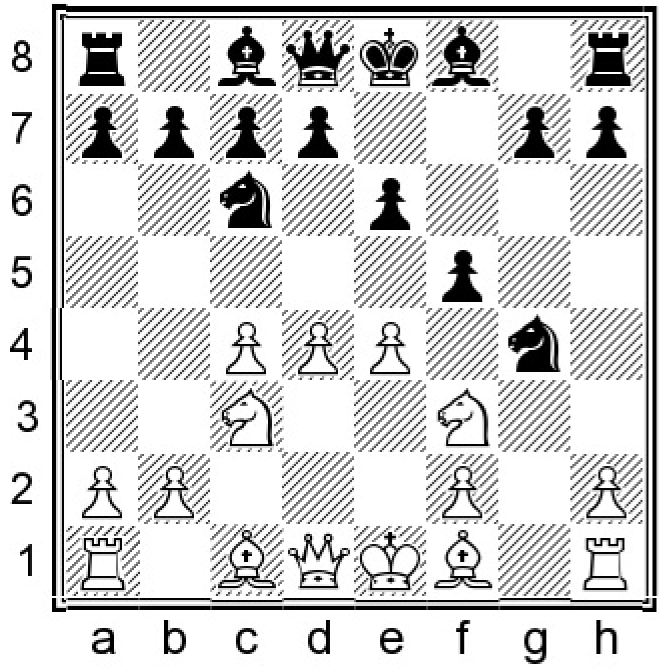


**3.g4!?**

I guess in theoretical manuals this will find its place under "Mamedyarov Gambit"! I do not think this novelty will find many followers, but it is an interesting surprise weapon. Esipenko reacts (arguably) in the most logical way.

**3...d5**

There is a saying "The best way to refute a gambit is to accept it!" Black may indeed try 3...♘xg4 and it was tried at GM level immediately after this game. 4.e4 f5 5.♘c3 ♘c6 White here should continue 6.exf5! with sharp play. (Game itself went 6.♘f3?!



6...fxe4! 7.♘xe4 ♗b4+ 8.♗d2 d5∓ Black was better and went on to win in Petrosian,Tigran L 2573 - Ter-Sahakyan, Samvel 2637, Armenia (ch) 2022)

**4.g5 ♘e4 5.♗g2**

It is perhaps useful to note that idea to "play on the black knight" with 5.f3?? is a suicide for White after (prosaic) 5...♗b4+ 6.♘d2 ♕xg5!-+ and White is already totally lost, e.g. 7.♕a4+ ♗d7 8.♕xb4 ♕h4+ 9.♔d1 ♘f2+ 10.♔c2 ♘c6 11.♕xb7 O-O 12.♕xc7 ♖fd8-+

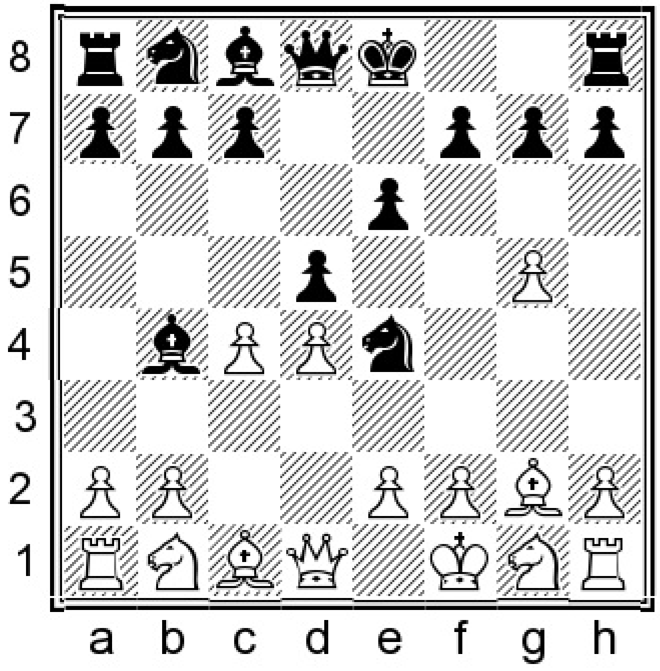
We have one internet blitz game where an unusual Tarrasch like position was reached after 5.♘f3 ♗e7 6.h4 O-O 7.♘c3 c5 8.♗g2 ♘c6∞ Zubritskiy,Artyom 2442 - Oparin,Grigoriy 2652, lichess.org (Internet-blitz) 2021

**5...♗b4+** Forcing White to lose his right to castle, though White probably does not mind his king on f1 here.

Alternative was to accept the gambit 5...♘xg5 White having good compensation after 6.♘c3 ♗b4 7.♕b3=∞

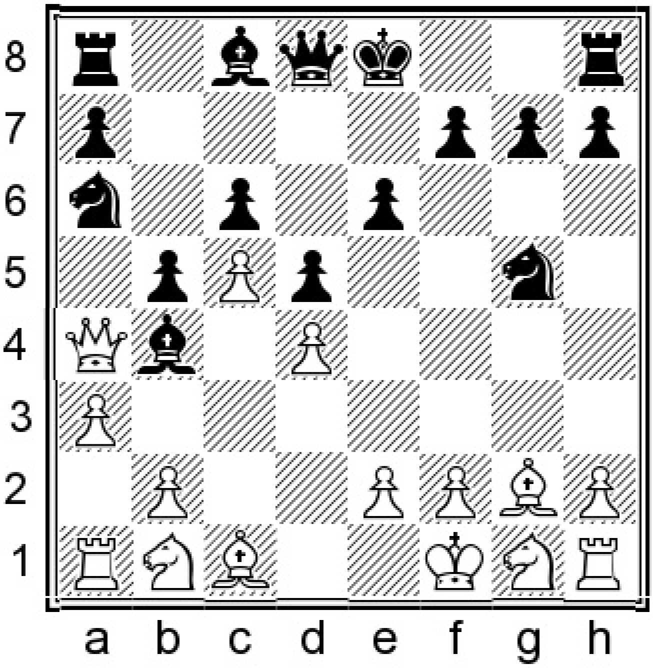
Going for a Tarrasch type position with 5...c5 (with ideas ...Nc6 to follow) looks also OK for Black. Play may continue 6.cxd5 exd5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 (7...♕a5+!?) 8.♗xe4 dxe4 9.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 10.♘c3 ♗f5 11.♗f4 ♘d7=

**6.♔f1**



Black is worried about White playing c5 and retreats his bishop. **6...♗e7**

Accepting a pawn sacrifice is now not a good idea for Black: 6...♘xg5?! White here gets clear advantage after 7.c5! Black manages to save his bishop, but gets a bad position. 7...c6 8.♕a4 ♘a6 9.a3 b5



10.♕c2! (10.cxb6 ♗e7∞) 10...♗a5 11.h4 ♘e4 12.♗xe4 dxe4 13.b4 ♗c7 14.♕xe4±

**7.h4 O-O 8.♘h3** Chances in this unexplored position are probably balanced.

**8...c6**

Reasonable alternative was 8...c5∞

**9.♕c2**

Going for a pawn with 9.♗xe4 dxe4 10.♘c3 should not worry Black, as he gets good play after 10...e5! 11.dxe5 ♗f5=∞

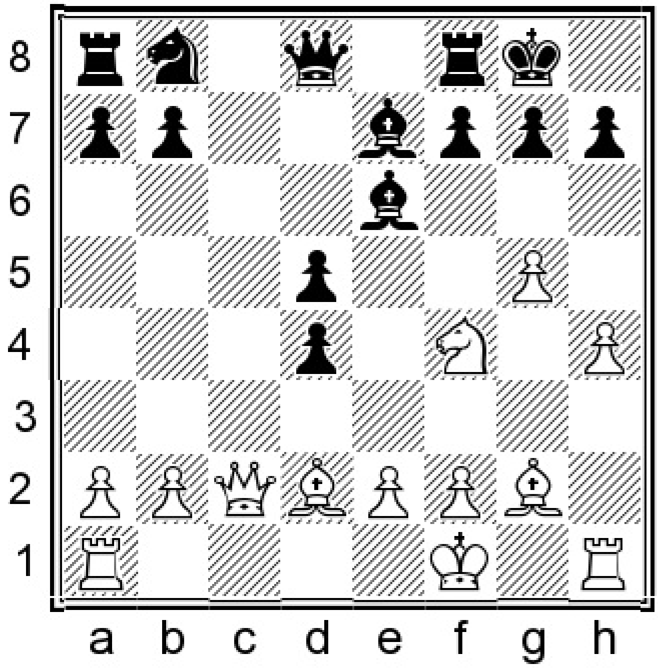
Esipenko goes for the (arguably) most logical continuation and consequent to his previous (8...c6) move. **9...e5**

My *Stockfish* suggests a bit strange (anyhow looking strange to me) move 9...♘d6!? 10.♘d2 ♘a6.

**10.♘d2 ♘xd2+ 11.♗xd2 exd4**

11...e4 12.♘f4⩲ is probably somewhat better for White.

**12.cxd5 cxd5 13.♘f4 ♗e6** Critical position! Mamedyarov takes brave decision that could have backfired!

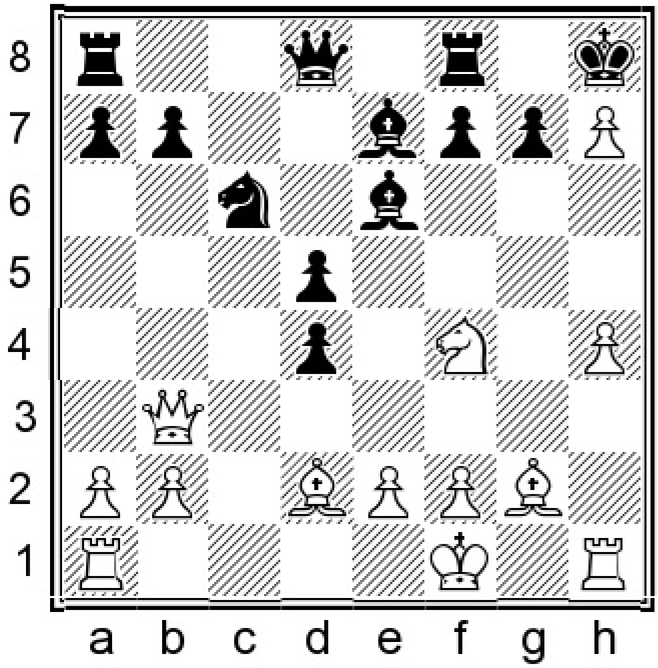


**14.g6?!** Exclamation mark is for bravery, question mark is for the quality of the move.

White's best was to collect the black d5-pawn and play 14.♕b3 after logical 14...♘c6 15.♗xd5 ♗xd5 16.♕xd5 ♕b6 17.♘d3 ♖ad8= position is about equal.

**14...♘c6 15.gxh7+ ♔h8** Now White goes for the black d5-pawn.

**16.♕b3** Black misses on his chance to get a large advantage.

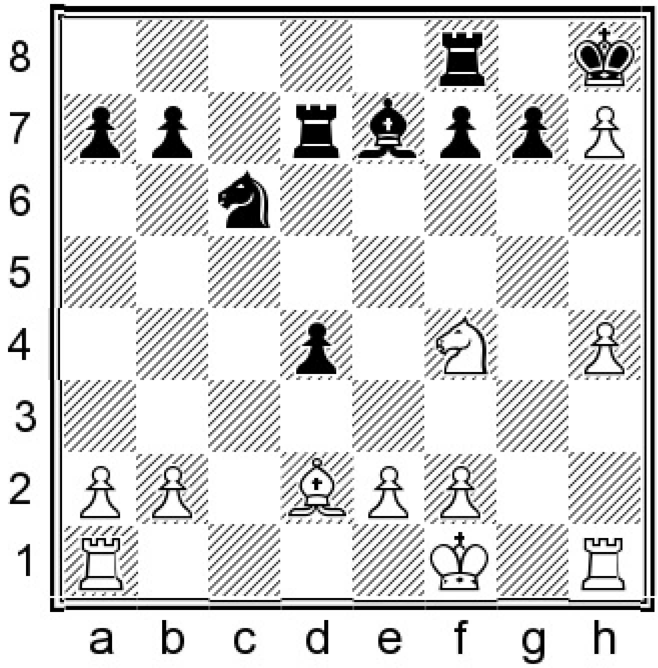


**16...♕d7?**

After (relatively simple) 16...♗xh4!∓ White is a pawn down, does not have a satisfactory continuation and can actually lose in a few moves. 17.♗xd5 (Or (perhaps move that worried Esipenko) 17.♕xb7

♘e5-+ with winning attack for Black to come very soon.) 17...♗g5! 18.♗xe6 ♗xf4-+

Now the game liquidates into an equal ending. **17.♗xd5 ♗xd5 18.♕xd5 ♖ad8 19.♕xd7 ♖xd7=** Draw is the most likely outcome here and we reach it pretty quickly.



**20.♖c1 ♔xh7 21.♘d3 ♖d5 22.♗f4 ♖e8 23.♗g3 ♗d6 24.♖g1 ♖e4 25.f3 ♖e7 26.♗f2 1/2-1/2**

Richard Rapport had a number of interesting games staying true to his original combative style. The following game was a nice tactical tussle (test your ability to find Mamedyarov's defence).

**Rapport, Richard (2763) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767)**
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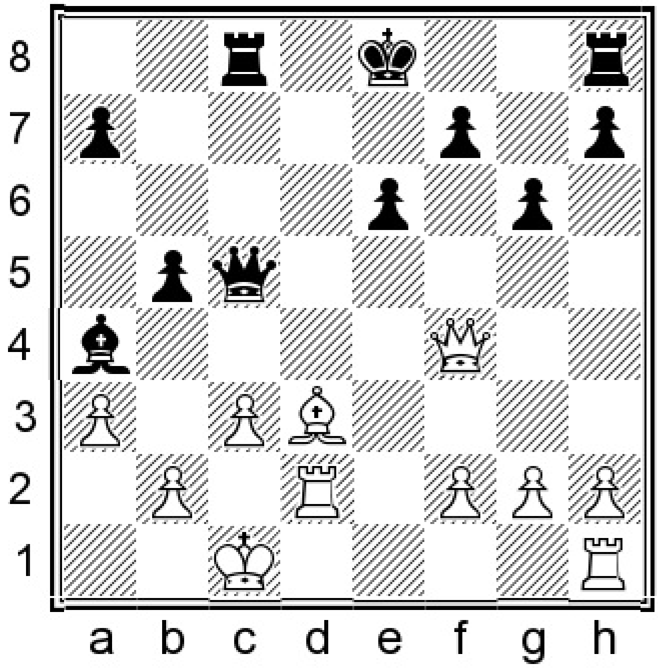
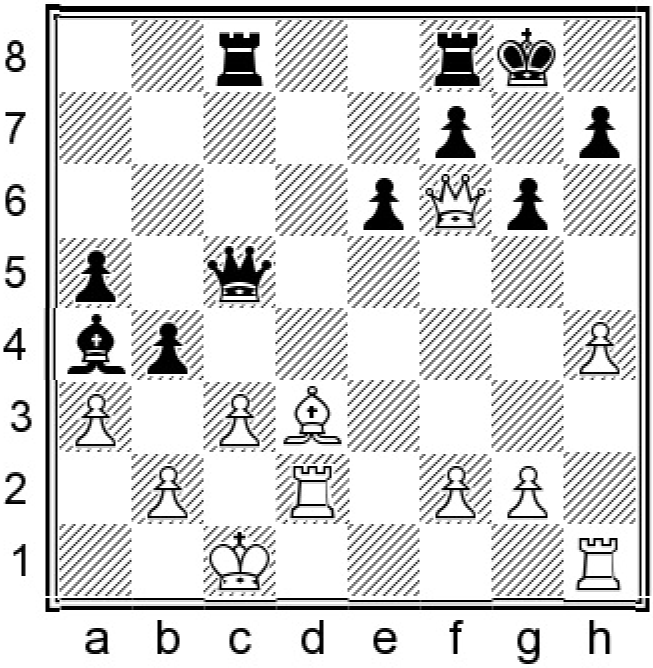


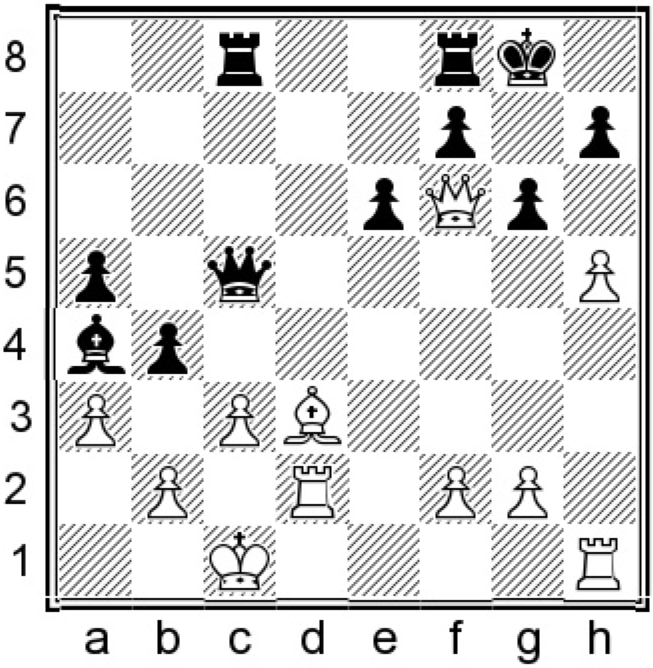
**18...a5**

After originally treated the opening we got an interesting position. Both kings can easily be in danger.

**19.♕f6 O-O 20.h4! b4**



At the first glance it may look like Black is faster, but after **21.h5!** Suddenly it looks like White to have all worked out and to be winning! Mamedyarov finds the only defensive resource!



**21...h6!!**

21...bxc3? loses to 22.h6+- and Black runs out of checks 22...cxd2+ (Or 22...cxb2+ 23.♔xb2 ♖b8+ 24.♔a1 ♕xa3+ 25.♖a2) 23.♔xd2

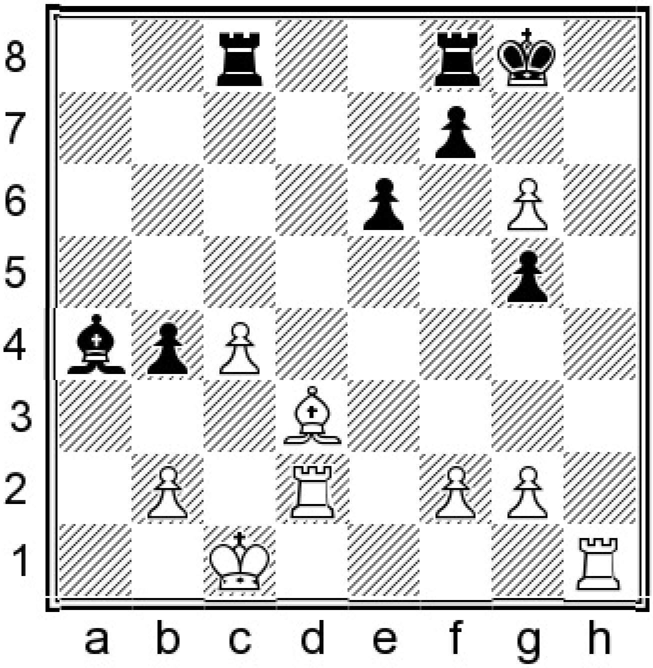
**22.axb4 axb4**

Rapport finds a way to prolong the game a bit: **23.c4**

23.hxg6 leads to a draw by perpetual check. 23...bxc3 24.gxf7+ ♖xf7 25.♕g6+ ♔f8 26.♕xh6+ ♔e7 27.♕h4+ ♖f6 28.♕h7+ ♖f7=

**23...♕g5!** White's "advantage" if any will be of academic nature.

**24.♕xg5 hxg5 25.hxg6**



**25...♗b3! 26.♖h5 ♗xc4 27.♗xc4 ♖xc4+ 28.♔d1 fxg6 29.♖xg5 1/2-1/2**

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*Richard Rapport vs Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, Wijk aan Zee 2022; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022*

Santosh Vidit had an excellent start but (due to blunders) collapsed towards the end of event.

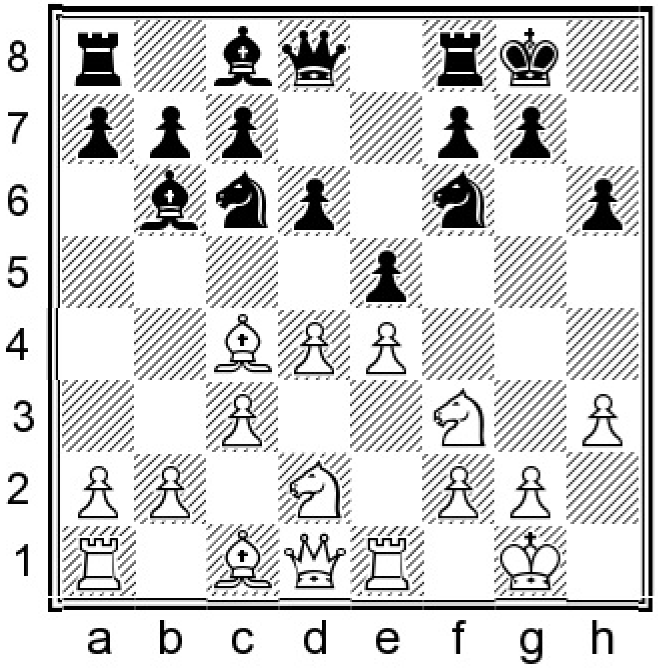
**C54**
**Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.O-O h6 7.♖e1 O-O 8.♘bd2 ♗b6 9.h3 ♘e7 10.d4** A relatively recent development in this line and (arguably) the most direct one.

White players have also tried different "slower" moves here, like 10.♗b3 or 10.a4 or 10.♘f1.

**10...♘c6** Placing the knight back to c6-square may look somewhat unusual as Black's basic problem in the Italian (and the main reason White has some advantage) is the need to improve his Nc6 development. Here, however, Black has direct reason, because with his last move White has provided Black with a target (d4-pawn). Mamedyarov has experiance in this position and has previously tried a "more standard Italian development".

10...♘g6 However after 11.♗d3 c6 12.♘f1 ♖e8 13.♘g3 White had some advantage and went on to win in Karjakin,Sergey 2750 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2764, Saint Louis (rapid) 2019.



**11.a4** This is White's idea tried in the last Candidates and can lead to a pawn sacrifice.

Black has nothing to worry about if White decides to try a less combative 11.dxe5 ♘xe5 12.♘xe5 dxe5 as seen in recent top level game Sevian,Samuel 2668 - Oparin,Grigoriy 2659, Riga (blitz) 2021

**11...exd4N** A novelty. Mamedyarov decides to fight versus the isolated pawn.

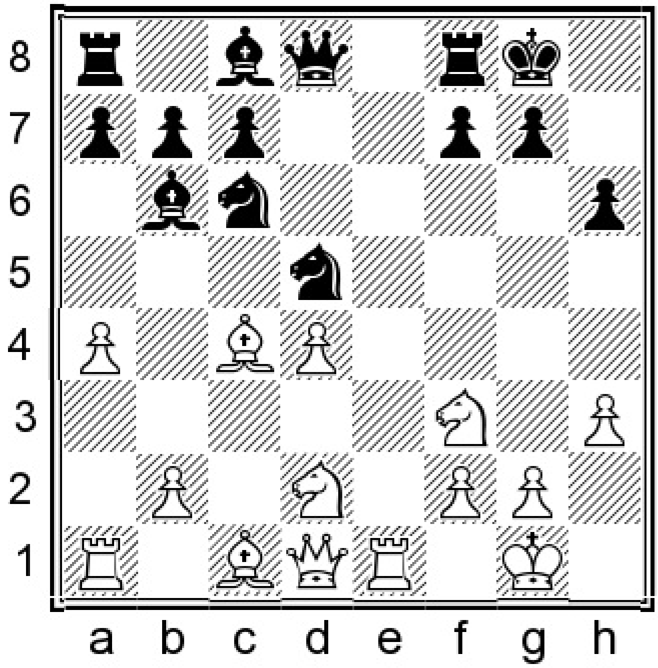
The mentioned Candidates game went 11...a5 and White sacrificed a pawn 12.♗a2!? after 12...exd4 13.♘c4 dxc3 14.♘xb6 c2 15.♕xc2 cxb6 we had a complex position, White having compensation, but perhaps not more. The game ended drawn in Alekseenko,Kirill 2698 - Caruana,Fabiano 2842, Yekaterinburg (ct) 2021

**12.cxd4** Now Mamedyarov forces the type of position his was aiming for. **12...d5**

Grabbing a pawn is (least to say) risky for Black: 12...♘xd4? 13.♘xd4 ♗xd4 14.♘b3 Black does not have a good retreat for his bishop. 14...♗c5 15.♘xc5 dxc5 16.♕c2± White is clearly better here having more than just a compensation. 16...♕d4? 17.e5 ♘h7 18.♗e3+- Δ♕xe5 19.♗xc5;

12...♗xd4 is a better way to capture on d4, but still playing with fire. 13.♘xd4 ♘xd4 14.b4⩱ (14.♖a3⩱)

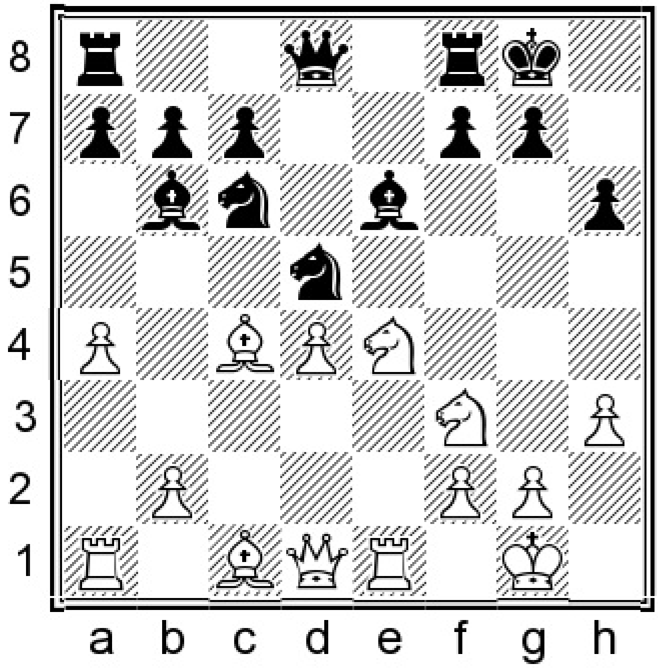
**13.exd5 ♘xd5**



Critical moment (and important one for theoretical assessment on this line). White needs to decide how to develop and I do not think Vidit choose the best way to do it.

**14.b3?** This move (White voluntarely depriving himself from Ra3 rook lift) does not look natural here and now Black has easy play.

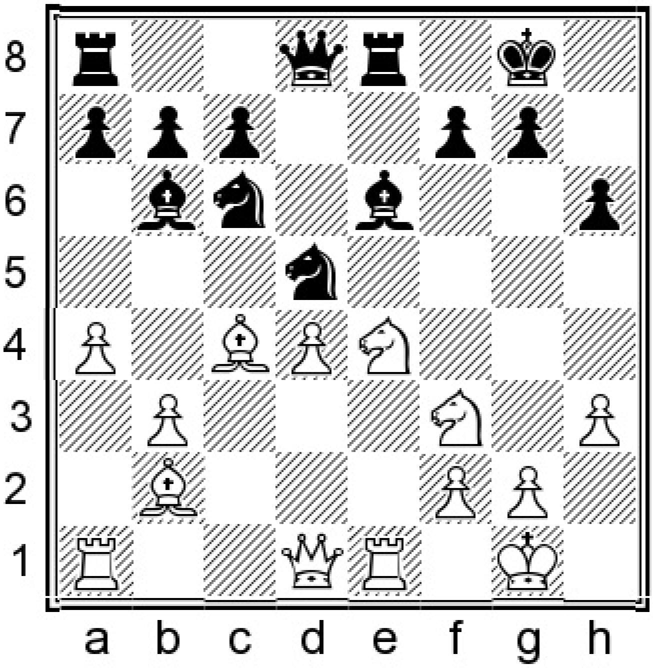
The way to put Mamedyarov's idea to more serious test was (in my opinion) 14.♘e4 and after 14...♗e6



15.♖a3!↑ this standard type rook lift, seems to be working for White here. White's prospects look promising (to me), e.g. 15...a5 (15...♘e3? 16.♗xe3 ♗xc4 17.♗xh6 gxh6 18.♕c1+-; 15...♗a5 16.♗d2 ♗xd2 (16...♘e3? 17.♖axe3 ♗xc4 18.♗xa5 ♘xa5 19.♘e5 ♗d5 20.♖g3+- White has a winning attack.)

17.♕xd2±) 16.♘e5↑

**14...♗e6 15.♘e4 ♖e8 16.♗b2** White's set-up we sometimes (certainly not often) see in the isolated pawn positions. However, here it does not seem to be dangerous for Black. Mamedyarov does not choose the best way to arrange his pieces and White indeed gets strong attack.



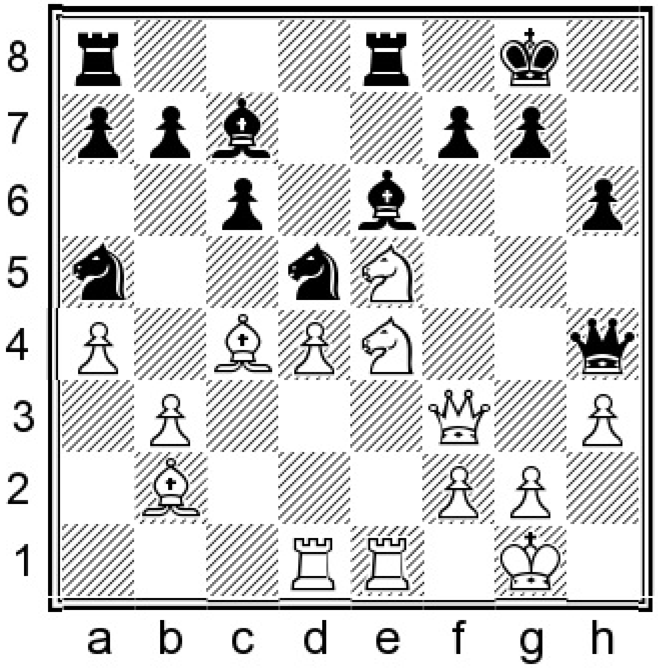
**16...♘a5?**

16...♗a5! looks to be equalizing on the spot, since it is difficult for White to avoid move repetition. 17.♖e2 (In case of 17.♘fd2?! White's pieces look poorly coordinated and only Black can be better after 17...♗b4 (Or 17...♘f4)) 17...♘f4 18.♖e3 ♘d5 19.♖e2=

**17.♘e5→** Now White stands better. White has "free hand" to develop kingside attack, while is it difficult for Black to justify his 16...Na5? move - if Black takes on c4, he improves White's pawn structure, while if he does not take the knight on a5 is out of play.

**17...c6 18.♕f3 f6** A risky decision. However, Black wants to chase the white knight of the central square.

In case of 18...♗c7 19.♖ad1 if Black does not want to weaken himself with the ...f6 move, logical looks 19...♕h4

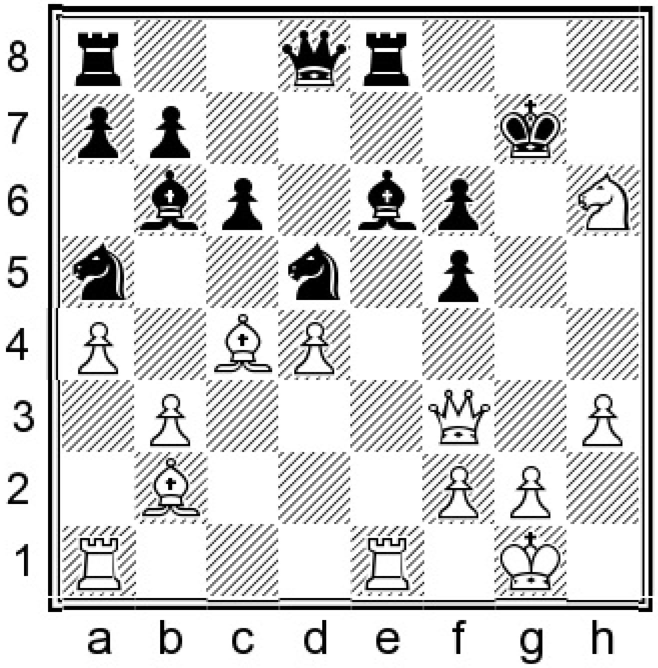


White gets decisive attack after 20.♗d3! Black is simply "missing a piece" (terrible position of Na5). 20...♘xb3 (Or 20...♕f4 21.♕e2) 21.♗b1 ♘a5 22.♗c1! White is combining different elements - Black exposed his queen and White has a battery threat on the b1-h7 diagonal. For example: 22...♘e7 23.♕d3 ♗f5 24.♘f3 ♕h5 25.g4 and White has winning advantage. 25...♗xe4 (25...♕xh3 26.gxf5 ♕g4+ 27.♘g3 ♗xg3 28.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 29.♔f1+-) 26.♖xe4 ♕xh3 (26...♕g6 27.♖de1+-) 27.♖de1+-

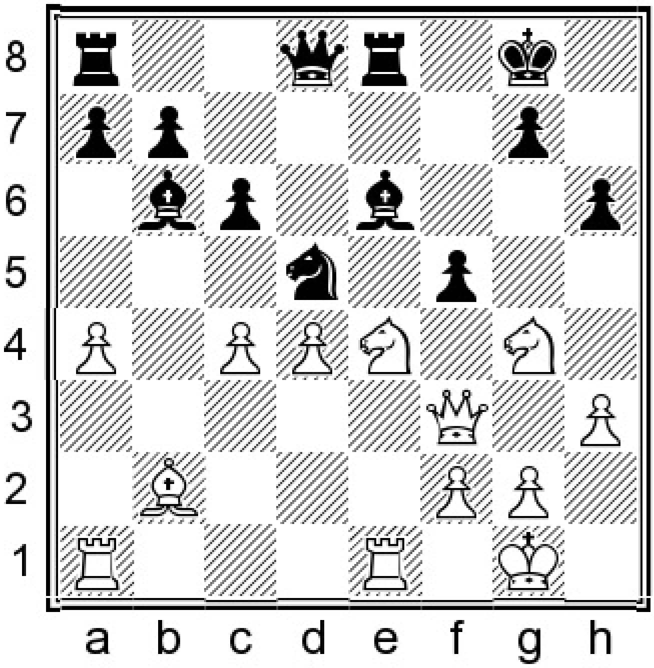
Santosh Vidit chooses a bit conservative approach - **19.♘d3**

19.♘g6↑ looks promising;

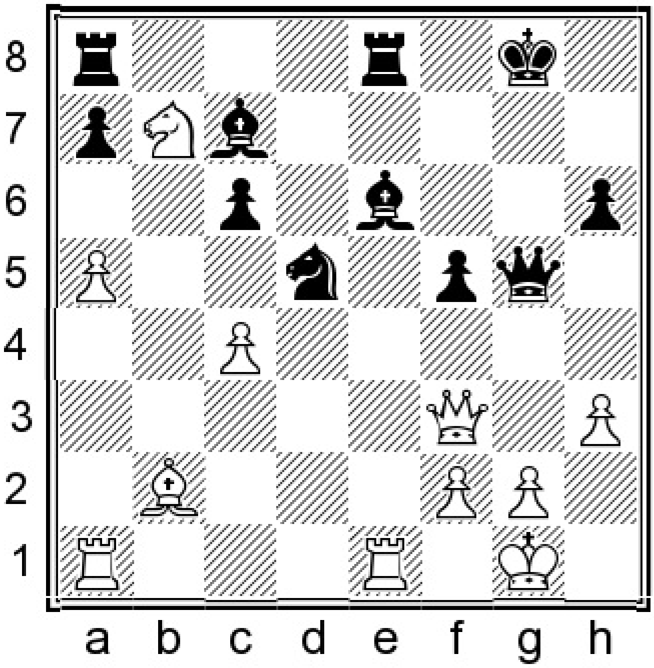
19.♘g4! might be just winning for White! 19...♘xc4 (19...f5? loses to 20.♘ef6+ gxf6 21.♘xh6+ ♔g7



22.♖xe6! ♔xh6 23.♖ae1 It is not surprising that White has a winning attack here. 23...♖xe6 24.♖xe6 ♘xc4 25.bxc4 ♘c7 26.♕e3+ ♔g6 27.♖e7+-) 20.bxc4 f5

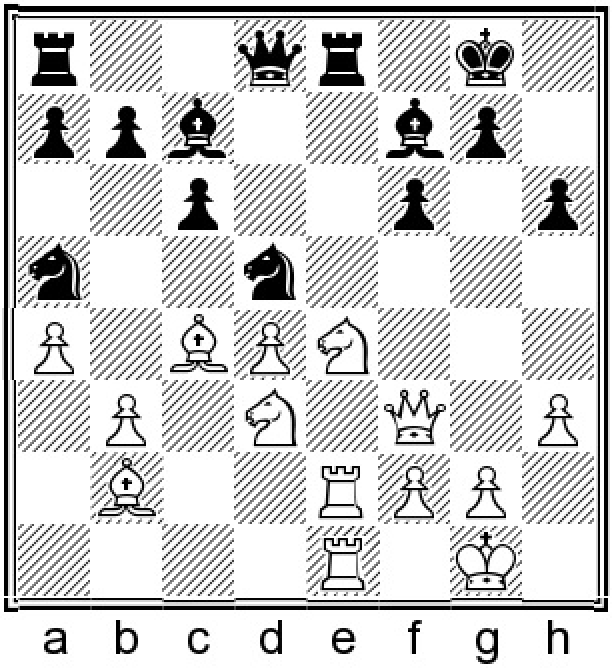


Now White needs to sacrifice in a different way. 21.♘xh6+! gxh6 22.♘c5 ♘c7 23.♘xb7 ♕h4 Here the most precise for White is (23...♕g5 loses to 24.d5 ♘xd5 (24...cxd5 25.c5 wins back the piece with a winning advantage.) 25.a5! ♗c7



26.♖xe6! ♖xe6 27.cxd5 ♖g6 28.dxc6+- The material is (technically speaking) equal, but Black's king position is hopeless.) 24.♘d6 ♖e7 25.♖xe6! ♖xe6 26.♘xf5 ♕g5 27.a5! ♖f6 28.g4 White wins the black bishop, establishes material equality and has a large advantage because his king is safer than Black's. 28...♖af8 29.♔h1+-

**19...♗f7 20.♖e2 ♗c7 21.♖ae1**



**21...b6**

Perhaps the best defence for Black was 21...a6! with ...b5 to follow disturbing the white bishop.

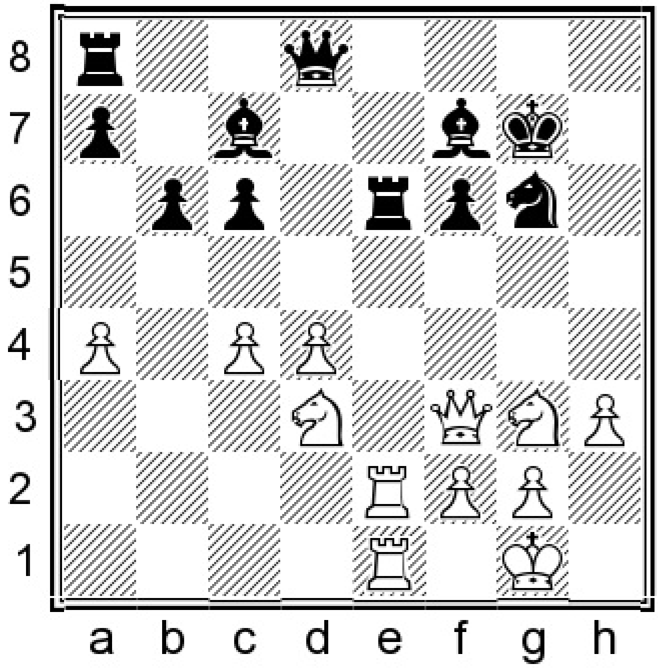
**22.♗c1 ♖e6 23.♗d2 ♘xc4 24.bxc4 ♘e7**

Vidit goes for (arguably) the most logical continuation. **25.♗xh6**

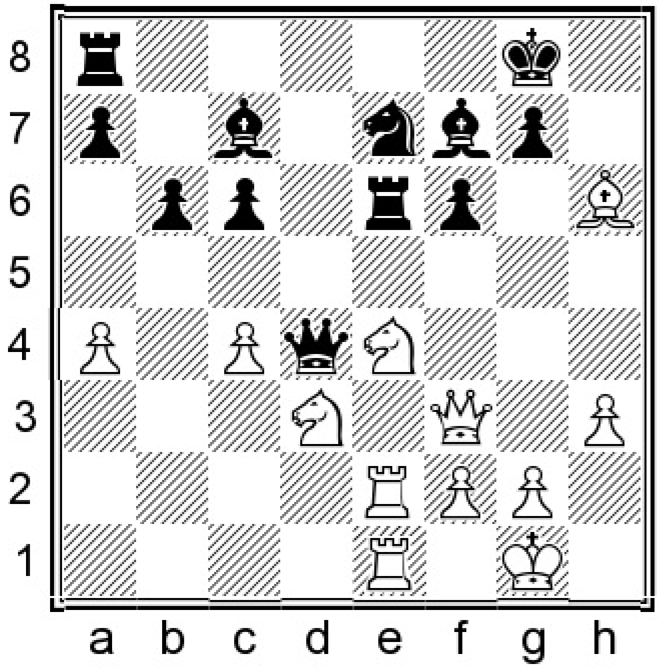
An interesting alternative for White was 25.♗f4!? f5 26.♗xc7 ♕xc7 27.♘e5! ♖xe5 28.♘f6+ gxf6 29.dxe5 and Black has problems coordinating his pieces.

**25...♕xd4**

A Computer-type defence and (likely) the way to save the game was 25...♘g6! 26.♗xg7 ♔xg7 27.♘g3



27...♗xg3! 28.♖xe6 ♗xe6 29.♖xe6 ♗c7 and the position looks very promising for White. However, my engine is surviving as Black.

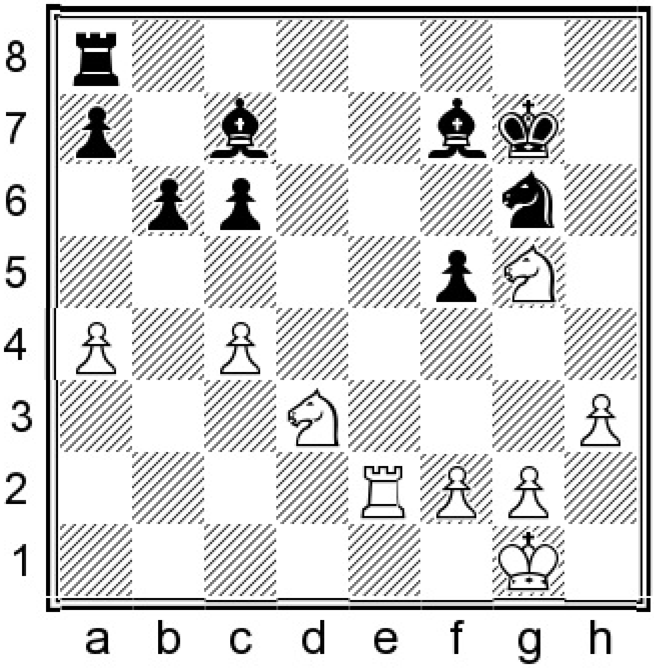


**26.♕g4??** Horrible blunder destroys Vidit's tournament. I guess White thought to be winning (on the spot) and somehow (at the end of the long tournament those things happen) missed Black's response.

White had to continue with 26.♗f4 and after (forced) 26...♗xf4 27.♘xf4→ White has excellent attacking prospects.

**26...f5-+** Now White loses the piece without any compensation.

**27.♗xg7 ♕xg7 28.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 29.♘g5 ♖xe2 30.♖xe2 ♘g6**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The smoke has cleared and Black is piece up in the ending. Mamedyarov safely brings it home.

**31.♘e6+ ♗xe6 32.♖xe6 ♖d8 33.♖xc6 ♗b8 34.♘e1 ♘e5 35.♖e6 ♔f7 36.♖h6 ♖d1 37.♔f1 ♘xc4 38.♖h4 ♘e3+ 0-1**

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Sergey Karjakin had a very practical approach (including a few quick draws!).

This game was played in the last round. Karjakin having lost to Shankland in the previous round was (most probably) in a peaceful mood. However, he wanted to put his opponent to a small "memory test" before agreeing to a peace treaty.

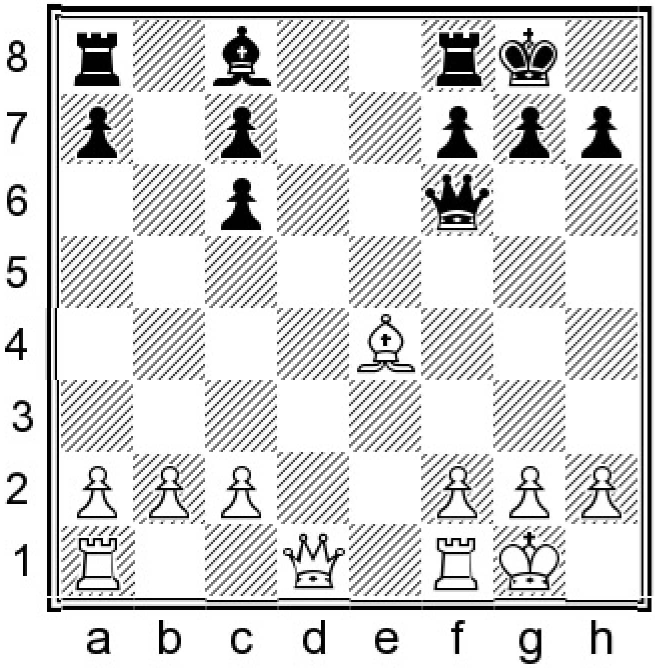
**C47**
**Karjakin, Sergey (2743) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.d4 exd4 5.♘xd4 ♗b4 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.♗d3** Honestly, I hate this line! I call it "White is pretending to play for a win" ☺. Unfortunately, White sometimes wins and proves my theory wrong! During the last couple of years we had many top games in this line. If Black is well prepared, he has nothing to fear, but needs to be well prepared and to remember his lines!

**7...d5 8.♗d2** A new development is this line.

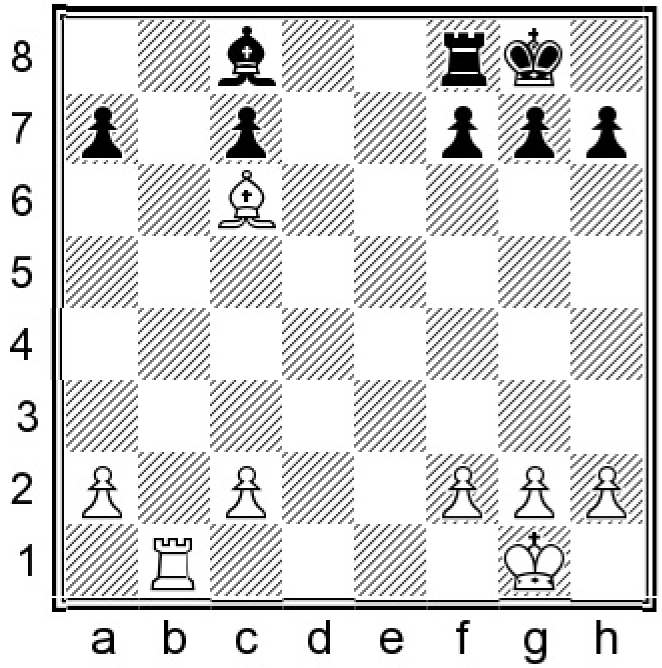
For many years 8.exd5 was considered "a must".

**8...O-O 9.O-O ♗xc3 10.♗xc3 dxe4 11.♗xf6 ♕xf6 12.♗xe4**



We had (recently) quite a number of top games here. White is sort of "pressing". Objectively, Black easily holds (and does hold in most of the games), but should be precise.

**12...♕xb2 13.♗xc6 ♖b8 14.♖b1 ♕xb1 15.♕xb1 ♖xb1 16.♖xb1**

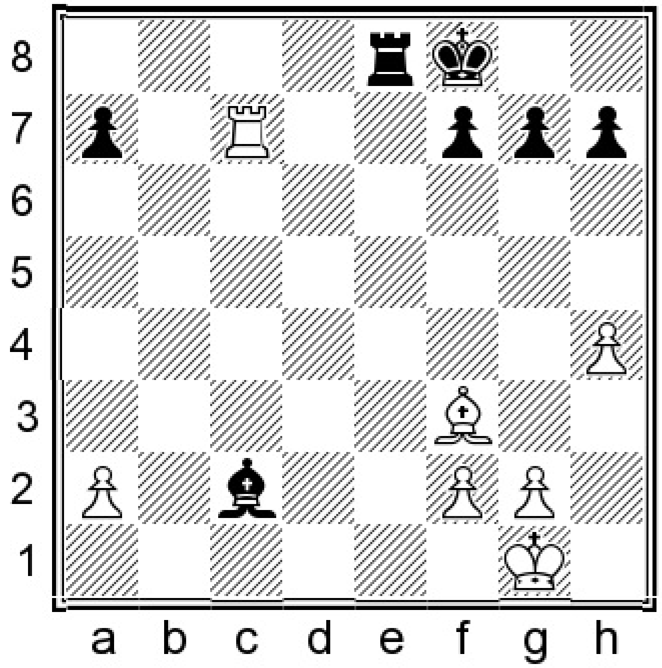


The position White is aiming for in this line. Due to a more active rook White is sitting on a better side of a draw.

**16...♖d8 17.♗f3 ♔f8 18.♖b8** We, however, do have quite a number of top games in this position, Black is easily holding.

**18...♖e8 19.h4 ♗a6**

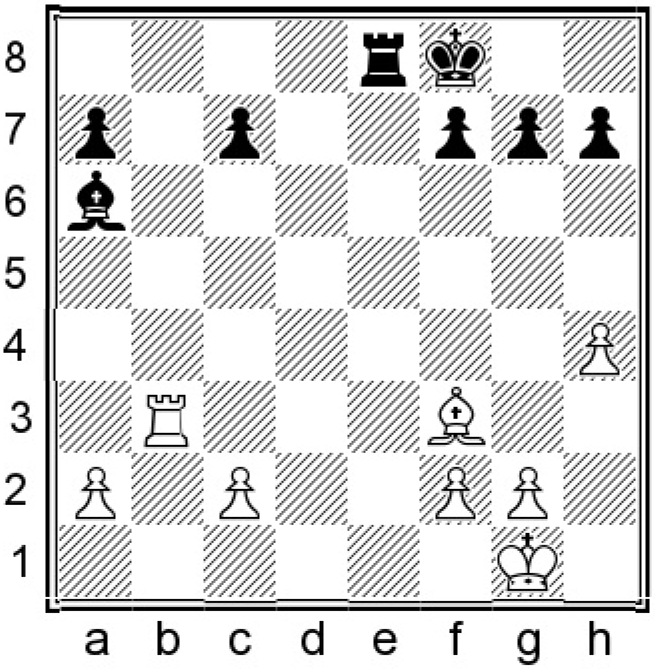
One recent top game went 19...♗f5 White ends a pawn up in a drawn rook endgame. 20.♖b7 ♗xc2 21.♖xc7



21...♗e4! Black will have no problems holding a pawn down rook endgame. 22.♖xa7 ♗xf3 23.gxf3

♖c8 24.♔g2 ♖c4 25.♔g3 g6 26.♖a5 ♔g7 Due to White's damaged kingside pawn structure, Black easily holds a draw here. 27.f4 ♔f6 28.a4 h5 29.♖a7 ♔e6 30.♖a6+ ♔f5 31.♖a5+ ♔f6= Andreikin,Dmitry 2728 - Matlakov,Maxim 2682, Russia (ch) 2021

**20.♖b3**



Important moment! We have two top games here, so Vidit most likely knew his position to be OK. However, here he allowed the first mistake. Vidit is of course strong enough to be able to find a sufficient defence over-the-board, but mistake(s) happenned and Karjakin got rewarded.

**20...♖e5?**

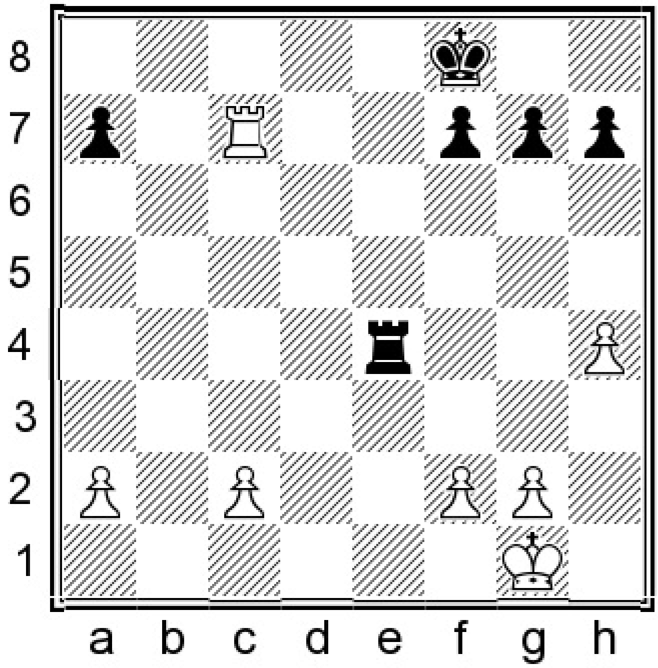
In one recent top game Black followed the same strategy, but included an important check! 20...♖e1+! 21.♔h2 ♖e5 The white king being placed on h2-square will prove to be important. 22.♖c3 ♗e2 23.♗xe2 ♖xe2 The pawn on f2 hangs. 24.♔g3 ♖e4 25.♖xc7 ♖a4 26.c4 ♖xa2= and the game was soon drawn in Mastrovasilis,Dimitrios 2619 - Grischuk,Alexander 2773, Terme Catez 2021;

20...♗e2 is game of Magnus (played two years ago at the same tournament). 21.♗xe2 ♖xe2 22.♖c3 ♖e7 23.f3 ♔e8 24.♔f2 ♔d7 25.♖a3 Now Black activates his rook. 25...♖e5! 26.♖xa7 ♖c5= and the game was drawn soon in So,Wesley 2765 - Carlsen,Magnus 2872, Wijk aan Zee 2020

**21.♖c3** Now compared to Grischuk's game White is winning a pawn. Most likely Vidit realized that the check on e1 was required first and panicked committing a second (this time very important!) mistake.

**21...♖e7?**

Black should have still followed on Grischuk's plan 21...♗e2! 22.♗xe2 ♖xe2 23.♖xc7 Black is now a pawn down, but holds with active play 23...♖e4 (The threat is 24... Ra4, so White has to take on a7)



24.♖xa7 ♖xh4 (The threat is 25...Rc4, so White is forced to place his rook to a passive position) 25.♖b7 (25.c3 ♖c4 26.♖a3 h5=) 25...♖c4 26.♖b2 h5 White does not have "free hands" to activate his king and Black holds a draw. 27.a3 g5 28.♖a2 ♖a4=

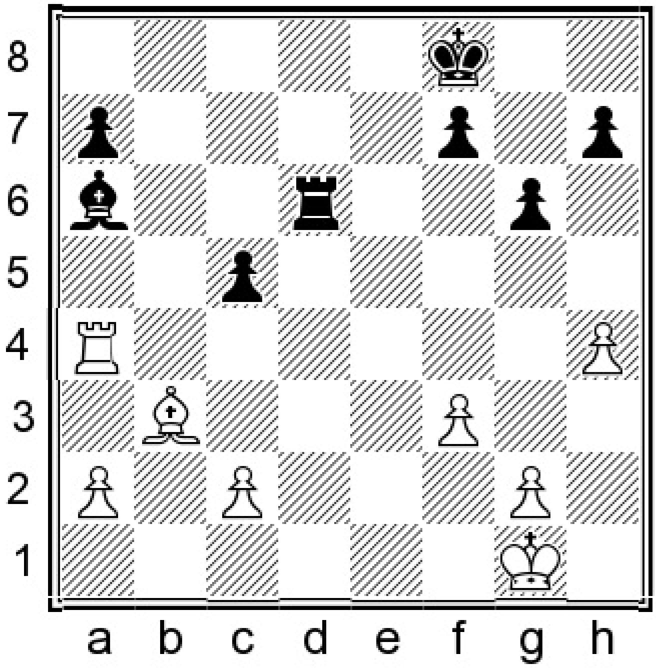
White is now really dominating. **22.♖a3**

My engine prefers 22.♖c5±

**22...♖e6**

22...♗e2! was a better defence.

**23.♗d5 ♖b6 24.♗b3 c5 25.♖a4 g6 26.f3 ♖d6** At first glance it looks like White is not able to make progress, but Karjakin finds the way to win material.



**27.c4!** White wants Ra5, Ba4. **27...♔e7 28.♖a5 ♔d8?**

Better defence was 28...♖c6 in order to win a pawn White has to allow Black some activity. 29.♗a4 ♖b6 30.♖xc5 ♖b4 31.♖a5 ♗xc4 32.♖xa7+ ♔f6 33.a3 ♖b2 Black's drawing chances here are much better than in the game.

**29.♖xc5+-** White is now a sound pawn up. Karjakin eventually converted it into a win.

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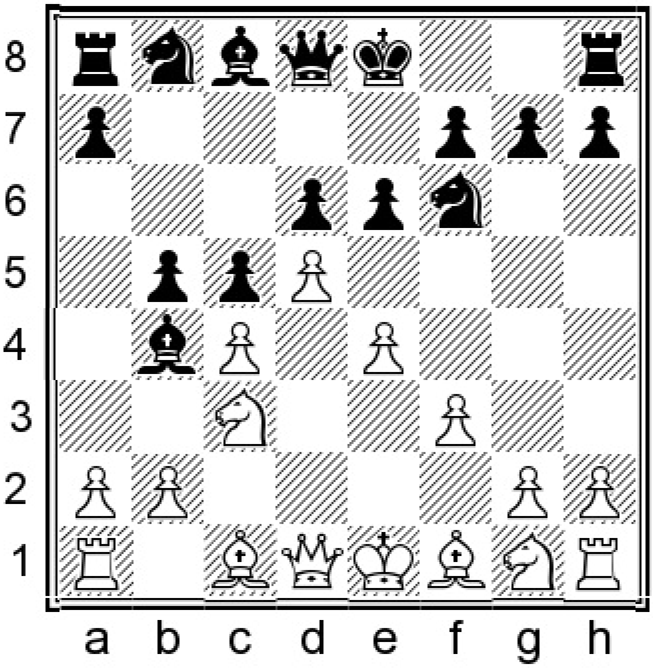
*Sergey Karjakin vs Santosh Gujrathi Vidit, Wijk aan Zee 2022; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022*

**E20**
**Shankland, Samuel (2708) - Karjakin, Sergey (2743)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.f3 c5 5.d5 b5 6.e4 d6**



This position always looked to me like a Snake Ben-Oni version with the black bishop already on the a5-e1 diagonal (which in "Snake" takes Black some time to achieve).

**7.♗d2**

Other often played move here is 7.♘e2

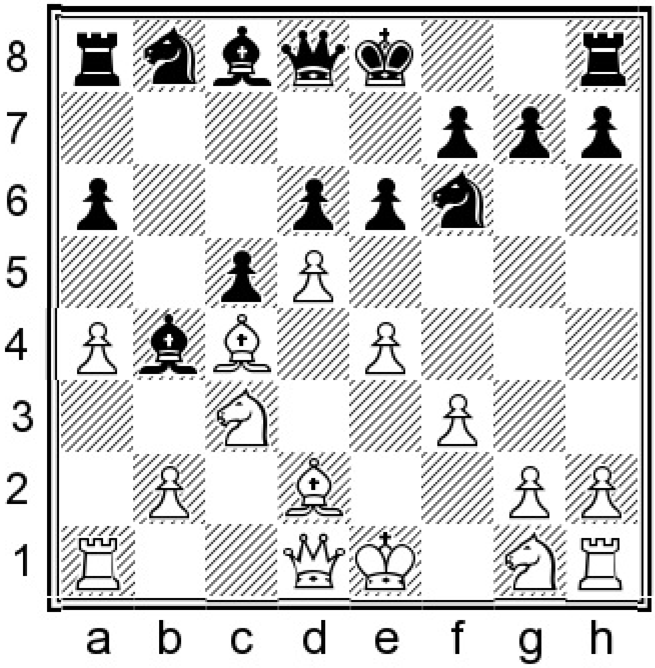
**7...a6** Not the most played move here.

We have quite a number of top level games with 7...exd5 8.cxd5 a6 or 7...♗xc3 8.♗xc3 b4 9.♗d2 O-O

**8.a4** White is challenging Black to take decision on the queenside.

8.♘ge2 is other move.

**8...bxc4 9.♗xc4** Black now sacrifices a pawn in order to speed up his development.

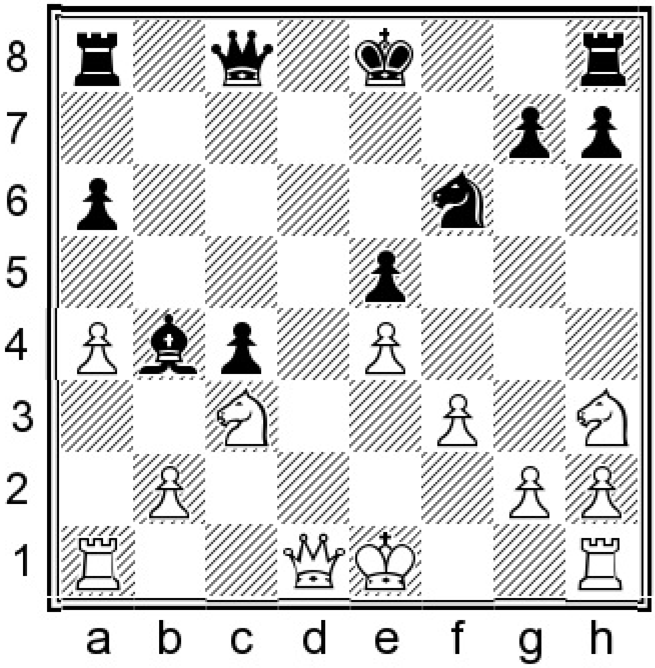


**9...♘bd7** We are still in a theoretically known (though not much played) position.

**10.dxe6 fxe6 11.♗xe6 ♘e5 12.♗xc8 ♕xc8 13.♗f4**

13.♘ge2? is not a good idea, as after 13...♘d3+ 14.♔f1 c4↑ Black has more than enough compensation, as in Lodici,Lorenzo 2483 - Wojtaszek,Radoslaw 2705, tornelo.com (Internet) 2020

**13...c4 14.♗xe5 dxe5 15.♘h3**

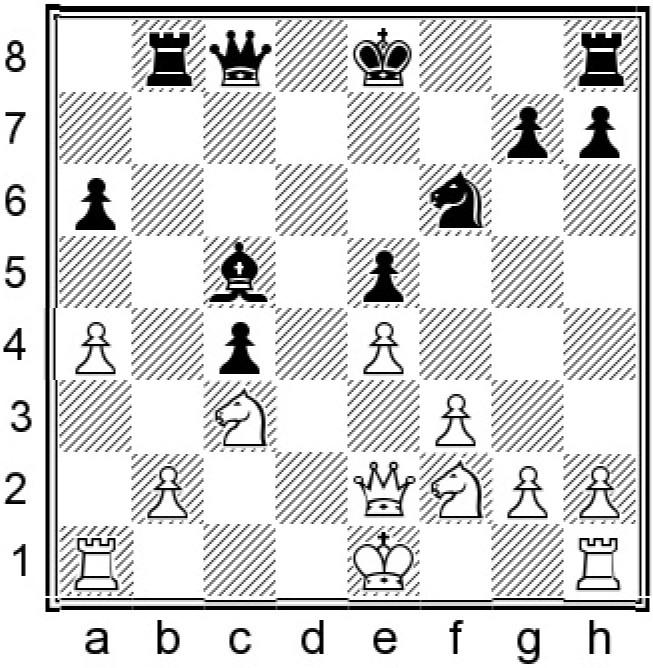


If White castles here, he is a sound pawn up so Black has to stop him by playing either ...Bc5 or ...Qc5.

**15...♗c5**

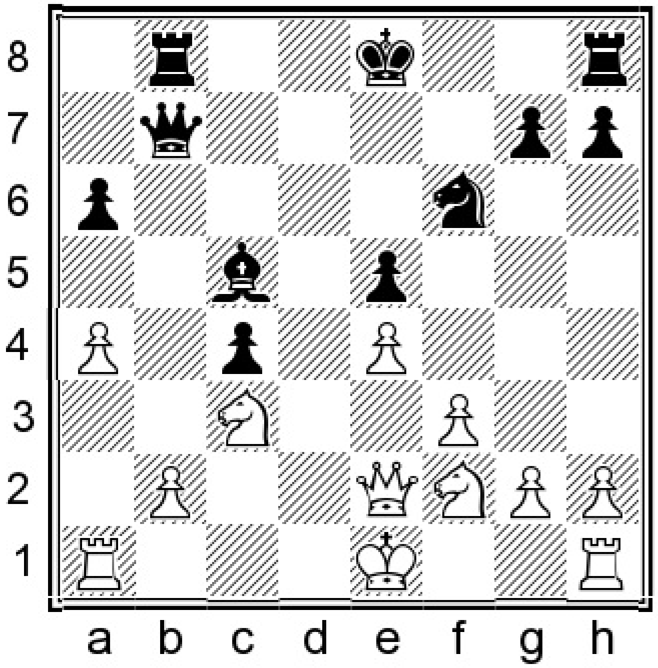
15...♕c5 has been already played in a large number of games and Shankland probably had something in mind, perhaps 16.♘f2 and after 16...♗xc3+ 17.bxc3 ♕e3+ 18.♔f1 ♕xc3 19.♖c1 ♕a3 Black does not seem to have enough compensation after 20.♖xc4 O-O 21.♕d3±

**16.♕e2 ♖b8 17.♘f2** Black now gets (what will turn out to be) a losing idea.



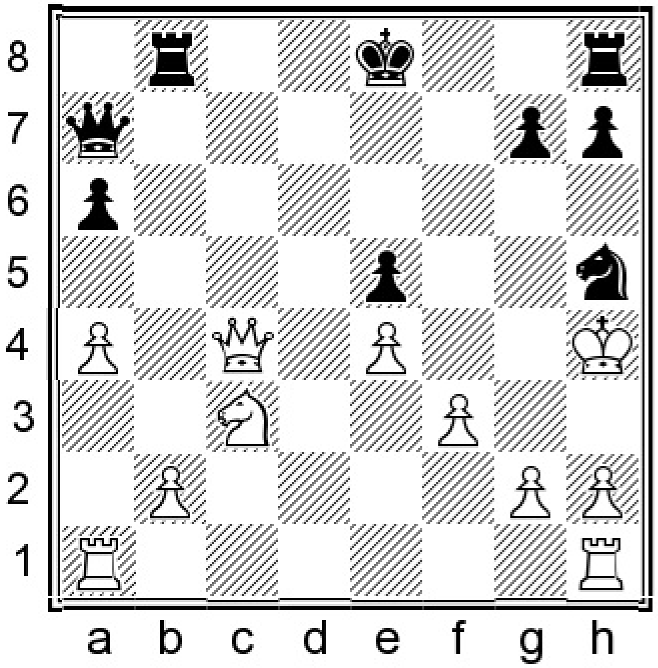
**17...♕b7?** Black is under the impression that his 18...Qb2 is a threat.

Black had to keep the tension with 17...♗d4 18.♖c1 (18.O-O ♘h5↑ looks good for Black.) 18...O-O 19.O-O ♖b3 White seems to be better after (19...♘h5 does not work that good due to 20.♘d5! ♖xb2 21.♕xb2 ♗xb2 22.♘e7+ ♔h8 23.♘xc8 ♗xc1 24.♖xc1 ♖xc8 25.♔f1± and Black has problems protecting his pawns.) 20.♔h1± but the position remains tense.



**18.O-O!**

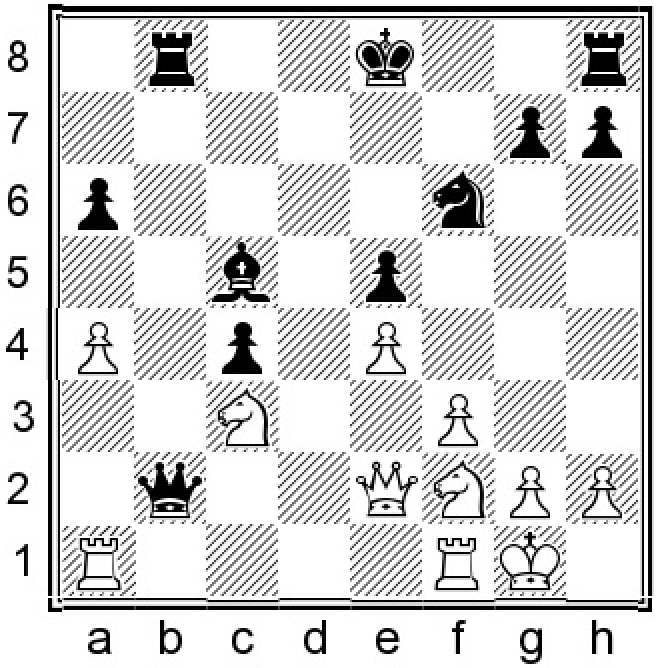
My *Stockfish 14* wants (move not likely to be chosen by a human) 18.♕xc4!? as now Black has no good alternative but to enter the game continuation 18...♗xf2+ (18...♕xb2 transposes to the game. 19.O-O! ♗xf2+ 20.♔h1+-) 19.♔xf2 If White is precise, Black has just a few "empty checks". 19...♕a7+ (19...♕xb2+ loses to 20.♔g3! ♘h5+ 21.♔h4+- ♕b6 22.♖ab1 ♕f6+ 23.♔xh5) 20.♔f1! (20.♔g3 allows Black to escape: 20...♘h5+ 21.♔h4



21...♕b6! 22.♔xh5 ♖f8 23.♔h4 ♕f2+! 24.♔h3 ♖b6 25.♕c8+ ♔f7 and if White wants to play for a win, he has to give his queen: 26.♕f5+ (26.♕c4+ ♔e8=) 26...♔g8 27.♕h5 ♖h6 28.♕xh6 gxh6 29.♖hf1±) 20...♖xb2 21.♘d1+-

**18...♕xb2?**

Black could have struggled with 18...♕b4±



**19.♕xc4!** This must have been a cold shower for Karjakin!

**19...♗xf2+ 20.♔h1** Due to his weak king and not coordinated pieces, Black loses some material.

**20...♕b3 21.♕c7 ♕b6 22.♕xe5+ ♔f7 23.♘d5 ♘xd5**

Arguably best was 23...♖he8 but White should win ending after 24.♕xe8+ ♖xe8 25.♘xb6 ♗xb6 26.♖ab1+-

**24.♕xd5+ ♔e7 25.♕e5+** Weak black king proves decisive.

**25...♔f7 26.♖ac1!**

26.♖ac1 Black resigned due to 26...♖b7 27.♖xf2 ♕xf2 28.♕d5++-

**1-0**

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*Sergey Karjakin vs Samuel Shankland, Wijk aan Zee 2022; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022*

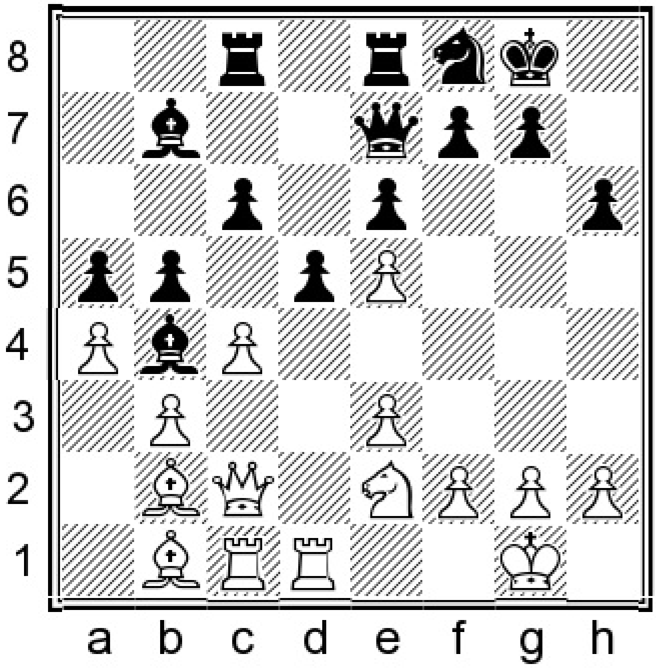
One of the pre-tournament favourites Fabiano Caruana had tournament marred with blunders. Nevertheless, he stayed true to his combative style winning three games.

White played opening phase with ambition. On his part Caruana refused move repetition and we got the current position on the board. White has a principled decision to make and has three logical options:a) 23.Nd4 (bringing extra piece to center/queenside)

b) 23.c5 (closing the queenside, aiming to curb Black's counterplay)

c) 23.Ng3 (planning Rd4-g4 and direct attack on the black king)

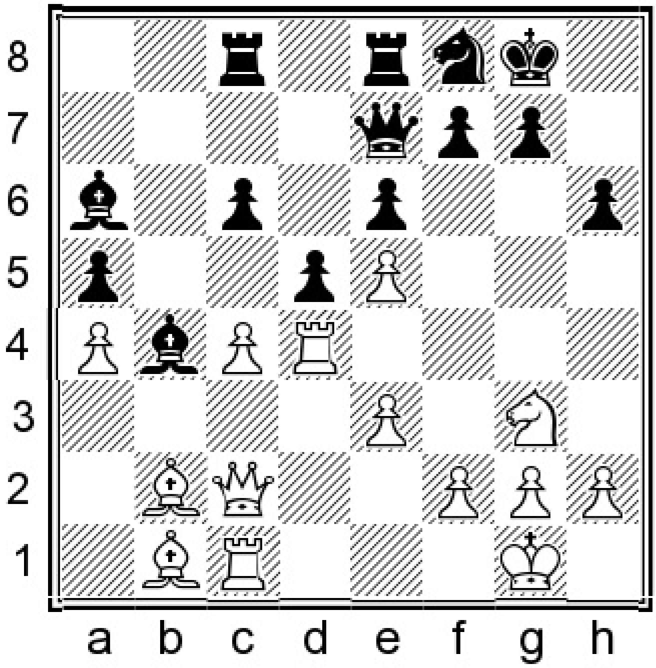
**Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2612) - Caruana, Fabiano (2792)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**



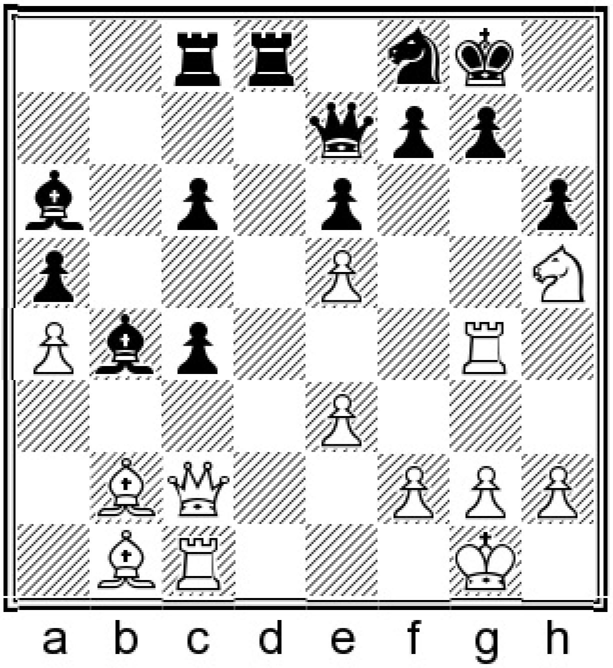
Position assessment? Black is better! White chooses the "a" plan.

**23.♘d4**

Most challenging was probably 23.♘g3 Black is better, but needs to be precise. 23...bxc4 24.bxc4 ♗a6 25.♖d4

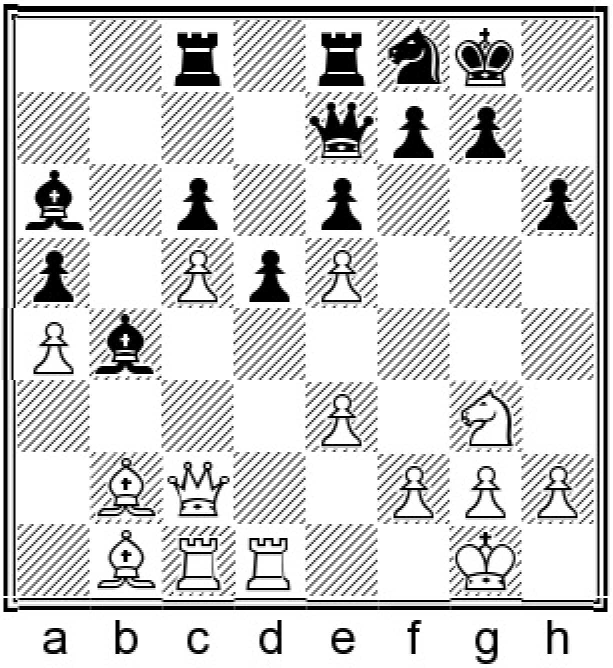


Now Black needs to be precise! 25...♖ed8! (In the case of 25...♗xc4 White has a strong attack after 26.♖g4→) 26.♖g4 dxc4! (The point behind 25...Red8! - the black rook can now penetrate the d-file) 27.♘h5



Now Black should not be afraid of any ghosts: 27...♘g6! 28.♖xg6 fxg6 29.♕xg6 ♕f7 White simply does not having enough attacking power (his own pawn on e5 standing in the way). 30.♕h7+ ♔f8 31.♘f4 ♖d2-+;

23.c5 (closing the position) does not work either 23...bxa4 24.bxa4 ♗a6 25.♘g3



Now Black needs to be precise. (25.♘d4? ♗c4 with Bc5 to follow.) 25...♖b8!∓ (25...♗c4? 26.♖d4→) 26.♖d4 (White cannot move his Bb2 because of ...Ba3 winning an exchange, while "neutral move" like 26.h3 lands White in a hopeless endgame after 26...♗xc5 27.♕xc5 ♕xc5 28.♖xc5 ♖xb2∓ Black has large (close to winning) advantage here.) 26...♗xc5 27.♖g4 Now Black kills White's attack with 27...♖b4∓ White's attack is running out of steem, while an attempt to establish material equality and hopefully bail out with a draw. 28.♖xb4 (Or 28.♗d4 ♗xd4 29.exd4 ♖eb8) 28...♗xb4 29.♕xc6 fails after 29...♗c4-+ White's queen is almost trapped, while the white pieces are badly coordinated. Black is having a winning advantage here, e.g. 30.♗d4 (30.♘e4 ♗a3-+) 30...♖b8 31.♘e4 ♕d8! 32.♘d6 ♗d2 33.♖d1 ♗e2-+

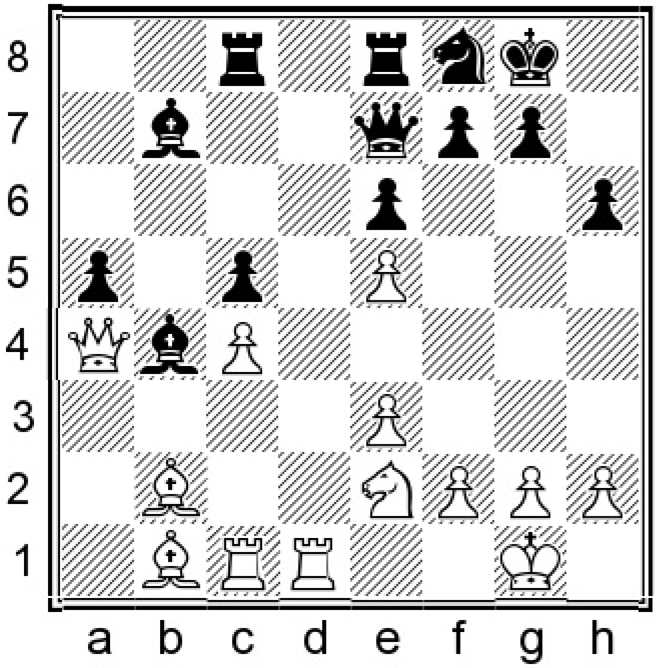
Caruana now creates a passed pawn. **23...dxc4 24.bxc4 bxa4 25.♕xa4**

25.c5 a3∓

**25...c5∓ 26.♘e2**

26.♘b5 does not help White, as his knight does not get to d6 26...♕g5 27.e4 ♗c6 28.♕b3 ♗xb5 29.cxb5 ♖ed8∓

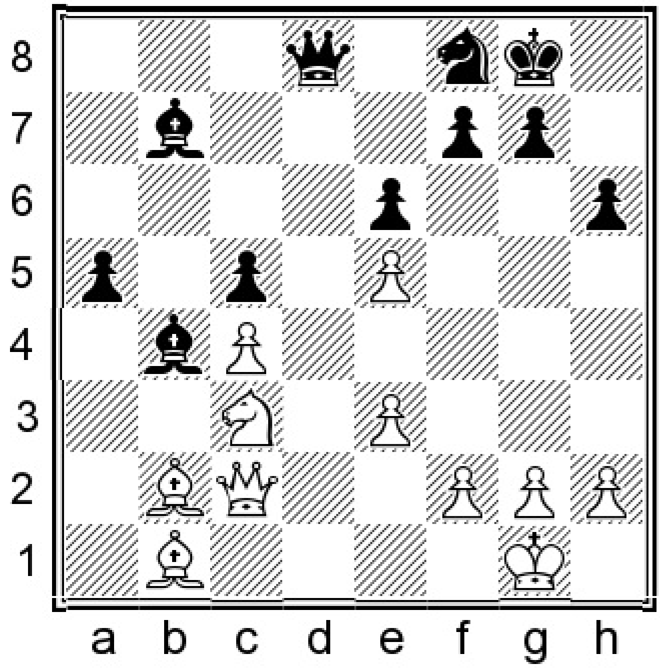
Black has a clear advantage and Caruana's execution is very precise. First he trades all four rooks! After trading all the rooks White is left without any counterplay (forget about Rd6 ideas), while Black's passed a-pawn will be felt (become more important).



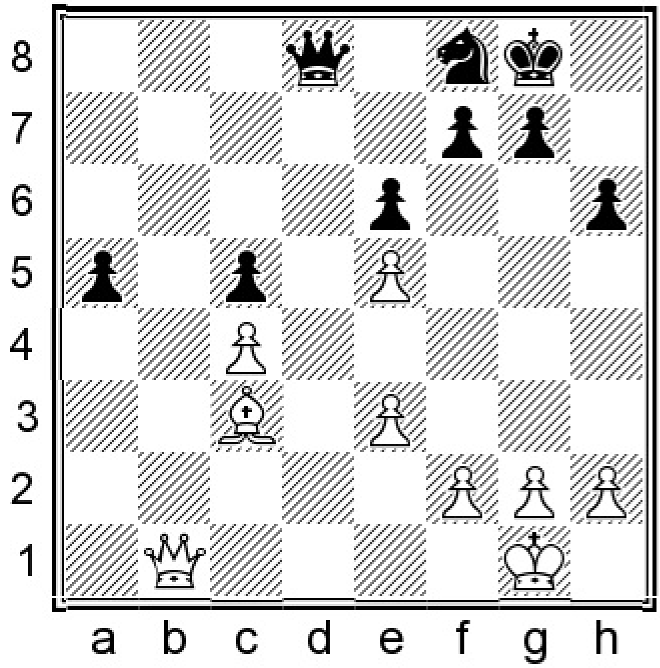
**26...♖ed8 27.♕c2 ♖xd1+ 28.♖xd1 ♖d8 29.♖xd8 ♕xd8** The first part of the plan - done!

The passed a-pawn is now really dangerous.

**30.♘c3** This allows Black a few more "favourable trades".



**30...♗xc3! 31.♗xc3 ♗e4!-+ 32.♕c1 ♗xb1 33.♕xb1** Now it is time for the a-pawn.

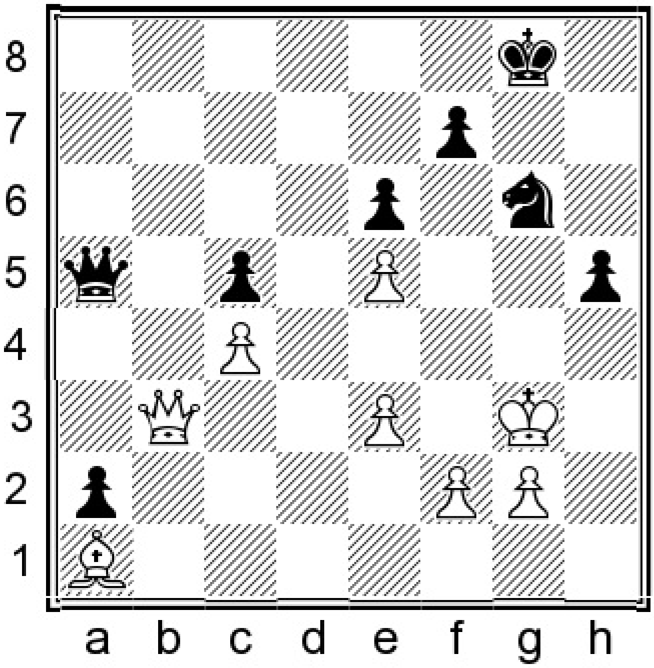


**33...a4 34.h3 a3 35.♔h2 ♕a8 36.♕b3 a2 37.♗a1** In essence, White is a piece down. The execution is easy and swift.

**37...♕a5 38.♔g3 g5**

38...♘g6-+

While understanding that the position is lost White tries a futile counterplay attempt. **39.h4 gxh4+ 40.♔xh4 ♘g6+ 41.♔g3 h5**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On the top of all the trouble White gets problems with his king.

**42.♕b2 ♕d8 43.f4 ♕h4+ 44.♔f3 ♕e1 45.♕xa2 ♘h4+ 46.♔e4 ♕f1** Next to the g2-pawn to be hanging, Black has a deadly Nf5-g3# threat. **0-1**

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*Fabiano Caruana vs Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu, Wijk aan Zee 2022; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2022*

P. S. TATA Steel Challengers was dominated by the young Indian GM Erigaisi Arjun winning the event with two point margin!

*Eight-time tournament winner Magnus Carlsen; Photo by Jurriaan Hoefsmit*

# ELSHAN'S EXPLORATIONS

By GM Elshan Moradiabadi

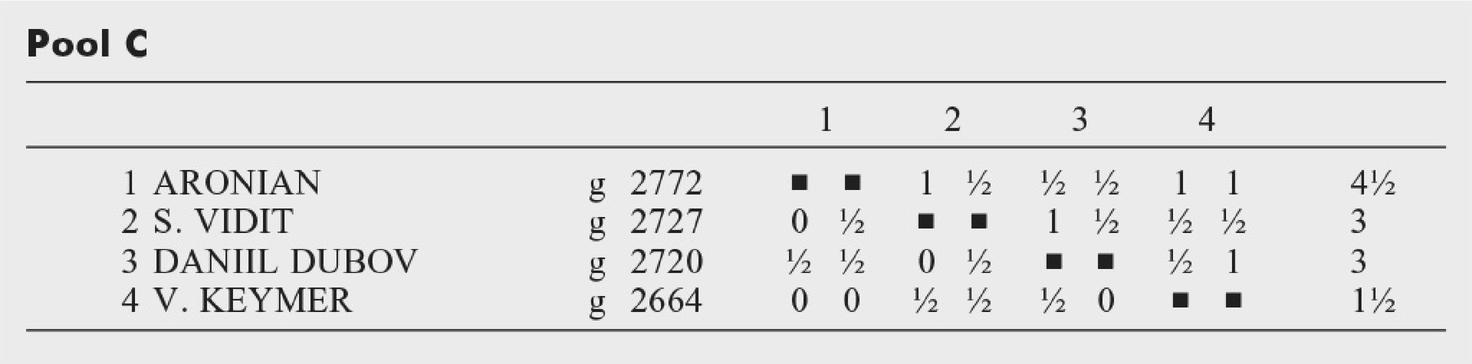
# FIDE GRAND PRIX 2022

## Nakamura Is (NOT!) The Surprise Winner!

Finally, the final phase of the World Championship cycle started in Berlin, Deutschland. The first event of a series of three events, which is split between Berlin and Beograd took place from 4 to 17 of February.

All but two of the qualified players made it to the first leg in Berlin: Ding Liren and Dmitry Andreikin could not make it due to health safety issues related to COVID-19 protocols (first denied travel permission and the latter got COVID).

The fight for the two coveted spots at the Candidates Tournament began in four preliminary groups. Pool C saw Aronian winning the group convincingly with 4 1/2/6. The Armenian super-GM, who has begun representing US at the international scene, won his group with ease outclassing the rest with a 1 1/2 points margin.



**Pool C**

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| 1 | ARONIAN | g | 2772 | ■ ■ | 1 ½ | ½ ½ | 1 1 | 4½ |
| 2 | S. VIDIT | g | 2727 | 0 ½ | ■ ■ | 1 ½ | ½ ½ | 3 |
| 3 | DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2720 | ½ ½ | 0 ½ | ■ ■ | ½ 1 | 3 |
| 4 | V. KEYMER | g | 2664 | 0 0 | ½ ½ | ½ 0 | ■ ■ | 1½ |

In Pool A, Nakamura showed that all his online rapid and blitz endeavors weren't in vain for the past two years. The American won the group stage with 4/6 after the last round miraculous save against Andrey Esipenko.

## Pool A

| | | | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | HI. NAKAMURA | g | 2736 | ■ | ■ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 4 |
| 2 | AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2714 | 0 | ½ | ■ | ■ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 3½ |
| 3 | A. GRISCHUK | g | 2764 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ■ | ■ | ½ | 1 | 3 |
| 4 | É. BACROT | g | 2642 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ■ | ■ | 1½ |

The other two groups saw more heated battles. In group B Wojtaszek started with a win over the group favorite Richard Rapport. Along the way till the end of the group stage, the Polish top GM had a number of chances to extend his lead but he eventually conceded to his +1 after making five draws. On the other hand, Rapport made a comeback after "doubling" Fedoseev tie for the first with Wojtaszek in the last minute. In the eventual tiebreak it was Rapport who prevailed.

## Pool B

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. RAPPORT | g | 2763 | ■ | ■ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 3½ |
| 2 | R. WOJTASZEK | g | 2686 | 1 | ½ | ■ | ■ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 3½ |
| 3 | VL. FEDOSEEV | g | 2704 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ■ | ■ | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 | G. OPARIN | g | 2681 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ■ | ■ | 2 |

In Pool D, two of the favorites, Wesley So, and Leinier Dominguez, were the main contenders for this group's spot in the semi-final. Four rounds into the round robin, Wesley So was leading with 3/4 including a win with Black pieces against Dominguez. However, things had a dramatic end when Dominguez scored back-to-back wins to catch up with So. In a tense tiebreak Dominguez proved calmer and took the last spot in the semis.

## Pool D

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| 1 | DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ | g | 2752 | ■ | ■ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | W. SO | g | 2772 | ½ | 1 | ■ | ■ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 4 |
| 3 | P. HARIKRISHNA | g | 2717 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ■ | ■ | ½ | ½ | 2½ |
| 4 | SHIROV | g | 2704 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ■ | ■ | 1½ |

Semi-final was all about Aronian and Nakamura. Aronian got the better of Dominguez after the Cuban-American failed to make a anything out of his initiative. Aronian's extra material prevailed. Nakamura also won convincingly against Rapport's QGD and held comfortably with Black.

## Semi-finals

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| HI. NAKAMURA | g | 2736 | 1 | ½ | 1½ |
| R. RAPPORT | g | 2763 | 0 | ½ | ½ |

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| ARONIAN | g | 2772 | 1 | ½ | 1½ |
| DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ | g | 2752 | 0 | ½ | ½ |

In the final, Aronian had a good chance in the first game with the black pieces but Nakamura managed to be resourceful and held the game to a draw. In the tiebreak, Nakamura once again showed his superb talent in faster time control and prevailed with two wins in rapid games.

## Final

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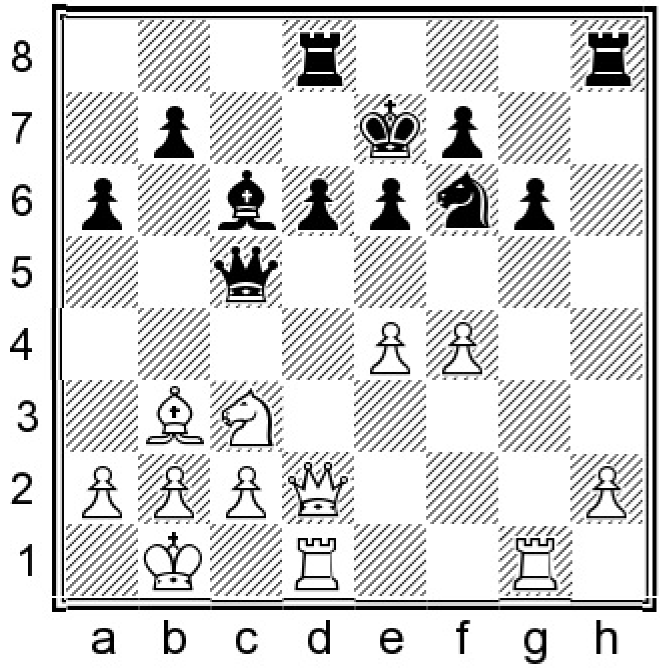
| **HI. NAKAMURA** | g | 2736 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| ARONIAN | g | 2772 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 |

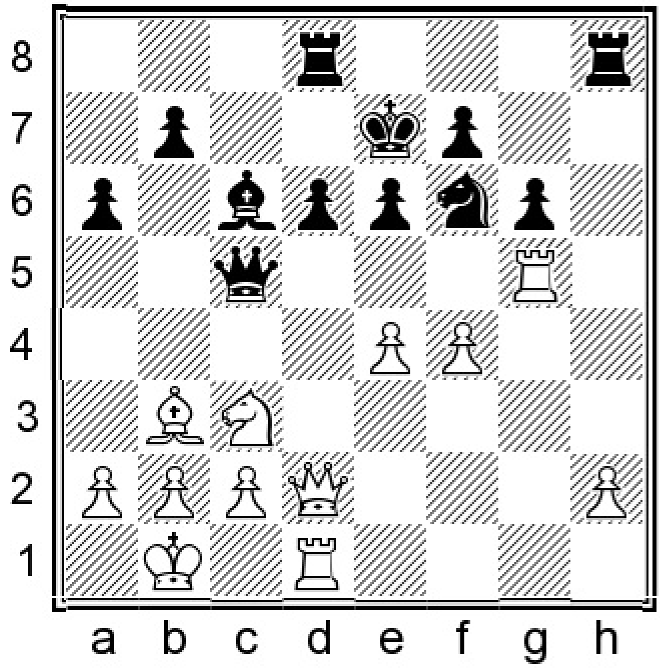
While many dubbed Nakamura's sensation as phenomenal and unpredictable, it is simply not the case. Nakamura played countless number of rapid and blitz events and did a lot of chess work during his twitch streams. He was simply there even though he did not participate in a OTB chess tournament!

His synergy prevailed!

**Grischuk, Alexander (2764) - Bacrot, Etienne (2642)**
**Berlin, 2022**



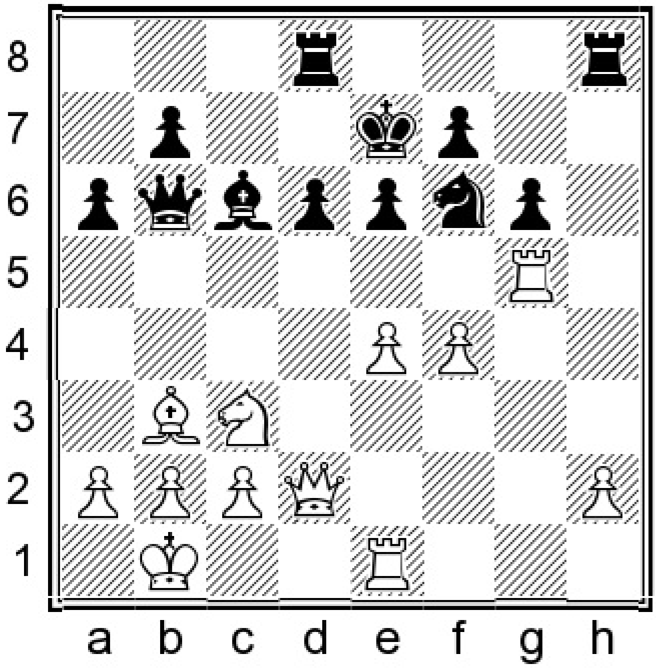
**20.♖g5??** Both Grischuk and Bacrot did not have a good tournament. This last moment of the game gives us a better feel of how bad their form was.



**20...♕b6??** Returns the favour.

20...♘xe4!! This is not an easy tactic to see, but at this level it is expected! 21.♘xe4 ♗xe4 22.♖xc5 dxc5 23.♕e1 ♖xd1+ 24.♕xd1 ♖xh2

**21.♖e1**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**21...♖h7?** Another tactical oversight.

**22.♘d5+! exd5 23.exd5+ ♔f8 24.dxc6 ♕xc6 25.♕d4+-** Grischuk went on to win this game that had many more serious mistakes.

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**A29**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**Berlin, 2022**

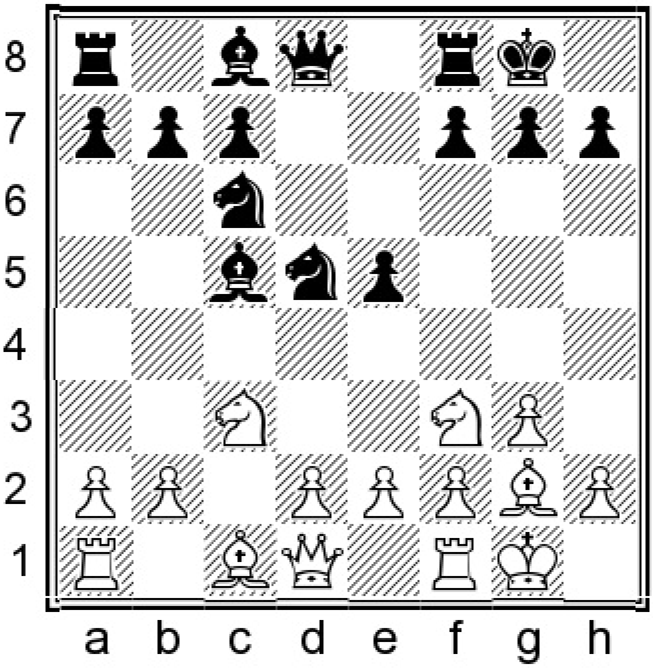
**Elshan Moradiabadi**

- **Country:** USA
- **Born:** 1985
- **Rating:** 2540
- **Peak rating:** 2603
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2005

This is probably Nakamura's best game in this event.

**1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.♗g2 ♗c5** This move is becoming trendy these days.

**7.O-O O-O**



**8.♕c2!?** A rare move.

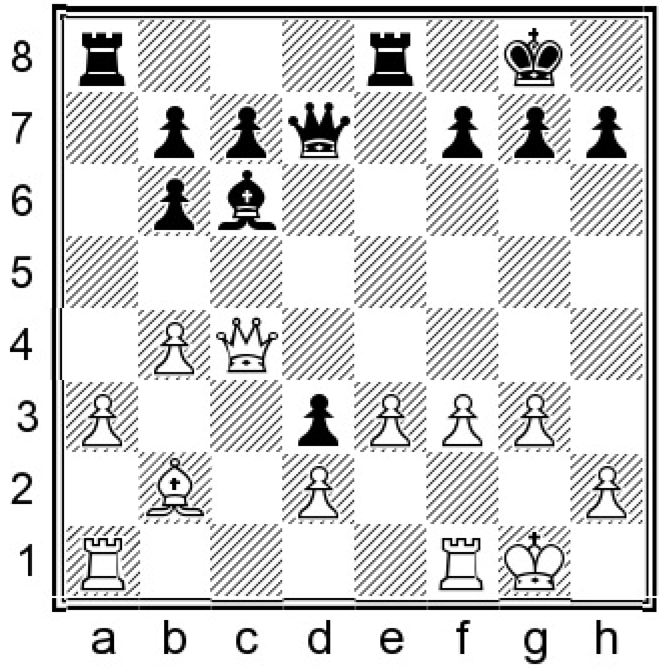
**8...♘f6 9.a3 ♘d4 10.♘xd4 exd4 11.b4**

So far the players are following engine's suggestions until **11...♗b6?**

11...♗e7 12.♘a4 ♖b8 13.e3 d3 14.♕b1± The slight edge is more pragmatic than the absolute value of the position.

**12.♘a4** Now White gets the bishop pair.

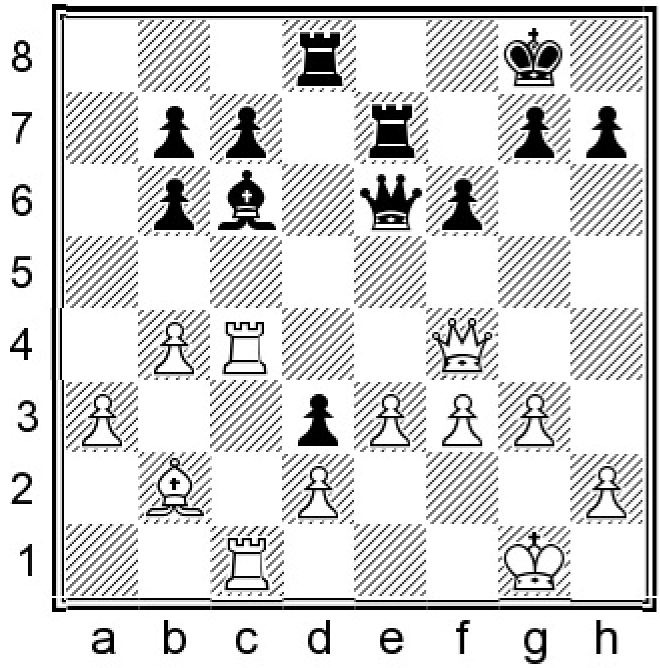
**12...♖e8 13.♘xb6 axb6 14.e3 d3 15.♕c3 ♘e4 16.♕c4 ♗f5 17.♗b2 ♕d7 18.♗xe4!? ♗xe4 19.f3 ♗c6**



This position is very dangerous for Black. The c7-pawn is a backward one and weak, while White's pressure will mount along the a1-h8 diagonal. On top of that, the d3-pawn is a problem too.

**20.♖ac1 ♖e7 21.♕f4 f6 22.♖c4 ♖d8 23.♖fc1** White's advantage is reaching an overwhelming level.

**23...♕e6** And here Nakamura shows a great deal of tactical savviness.



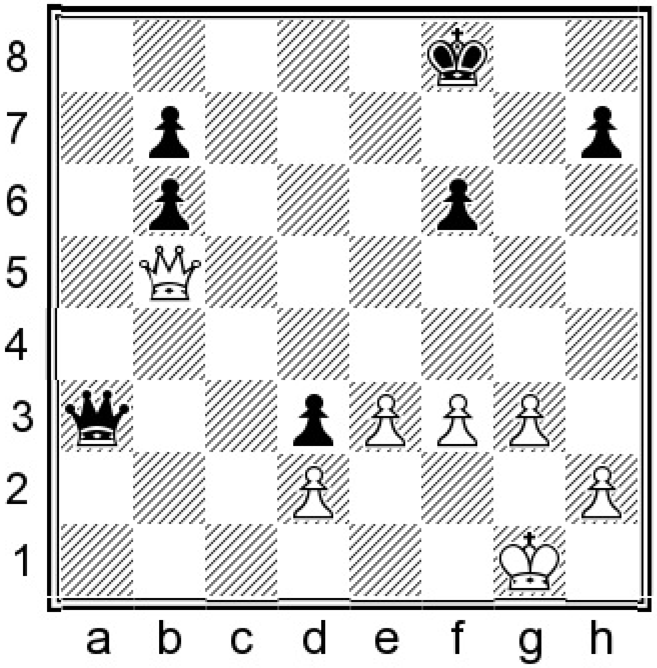
**24.b5! ♗xb5 25.♖e4 ♕f7 26.♖xe7 ♕xe7 27.♖xc7 ♖d7 28.♖c8+ ♖d8**

28...♔f7 29.♕f5 ♗c6 30.♕h5+ ♔e6 31.♖e8+-

**29.♗xf6! gxf6 30.♕g4+ ♔f8**

30...♔f7 31.♕h5+ ♔g7 32.♖xd8 ♕xd8 33.♕xb5 ♕d6 34.a4 ♕a3 35.♔f2+-

**31.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 32.♕b4+ ♕e7 33.♕xb5 ♕xa3**



**34.♔f2!** The material is equal but all of Black's pawns are weak. Nakamura converted with ease.

**34...♕c5 35.♕xd3 b5 36.♕c3 ♕e7 37.♔e2 ♔g7 38.♕d4 ♕f7 39.♕g4+ ♔h8 40.♕b4 ♕e8 41.♕d6 ♕f7 42.♕c5 ♕e8 43.g4 ♔g7 44.h4 ♕d7 45.h5 ♔g8 46.h6 1-0**

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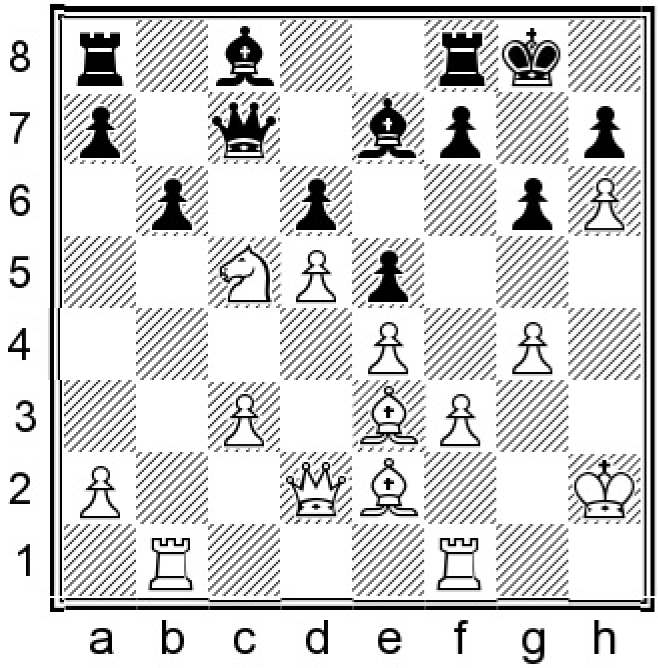
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Grischuk, Alexander (2764)**
**Berlin, 2022**



Grischuk's attempt to win with Black only backfired. He does not have enough space!

**23...bxc5 24.f4!** Engines like to begin with c4 but Nakamura is playing the right plan.

**24...exf4 25.♗xf4 ♗d7 26.c4?!**

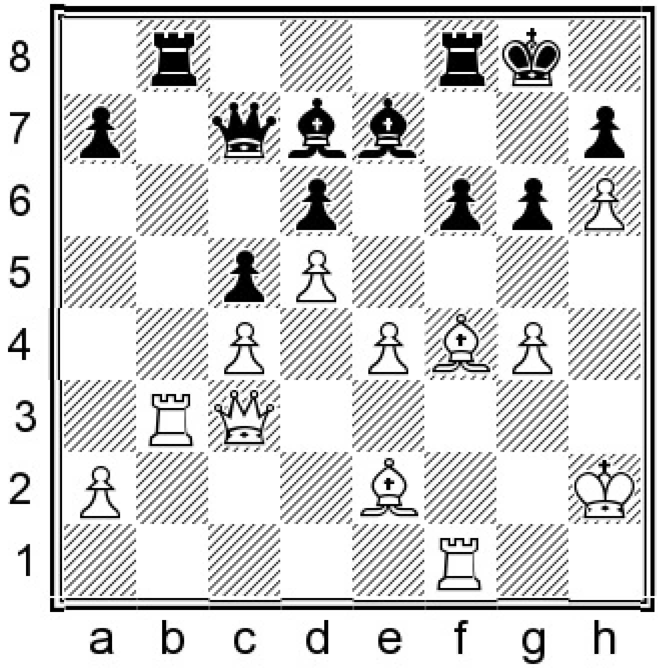
26.♖f2 ♖ae8 27.♗g3 f6 28.c4 ♖f7 29.♕e3 ♗c8 30.♖bf1±

**26...♖ab8**

26...♗f6! 27.♕e3 ♖ad8 28.♕g3 ♗c8 29.g5±

**27.♕c3 f6 28.♖b3**

28.g5 Maybe a bit more accurate.



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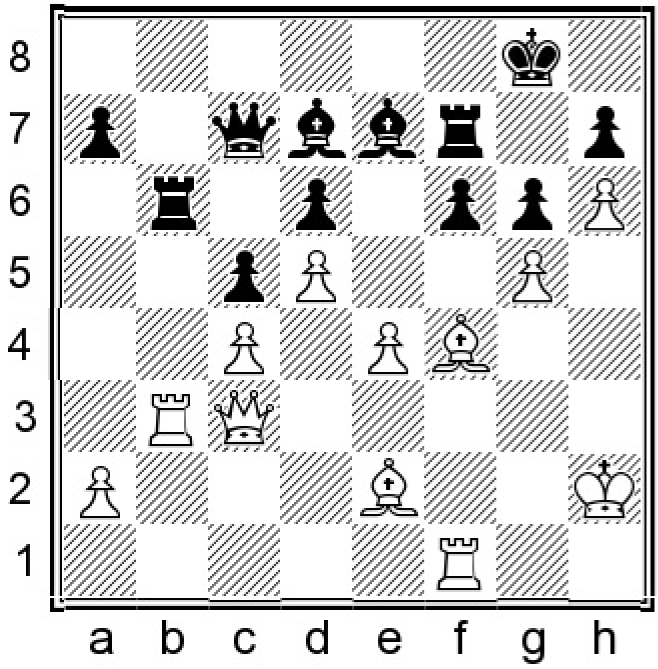
**28...♖b6??**

28...♖f7 would have prevented g5.

**29.g5! ♖f7**



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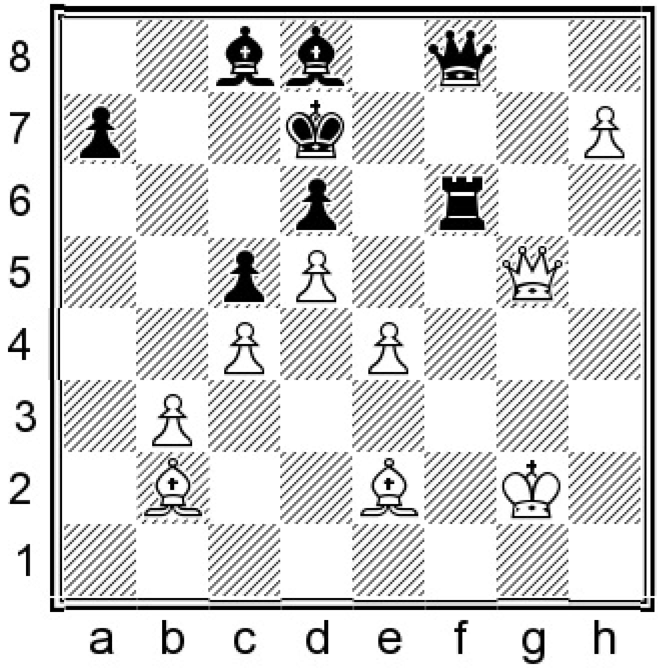
**30.♗c1! ♕d8 31.♗b2 ♕f8 32.♔g2 ♗d8** Now Nakamura gradually puts Grischuk in Zugzwang.

**33.♕f3 ♗c8 34.♕e3 ♖xb3 35.axb3 fxg5 36.♕c3 ♖xf1 37.♕h8+ ♔f7 38.♕xh7+ ♔e8 39.♕xg6+ ♔e7**

39...♕f7 40.♕xf7+ ♖xf7 41.♗h5+-;

39...♖f7 40.♗h5 ♔e7 41.♕xf7+ ♕xf7 42.♗xf7 ♔xf7 43.h7+-

**40.♕xg5+ ♖f6 41.h7 ♔d7**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**42.♕g8!**

42.♕g8 ♖f2+ 43.♔g1 ♔c7 44.h8=♕+-

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**Rapport, Richard (2763) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704)**
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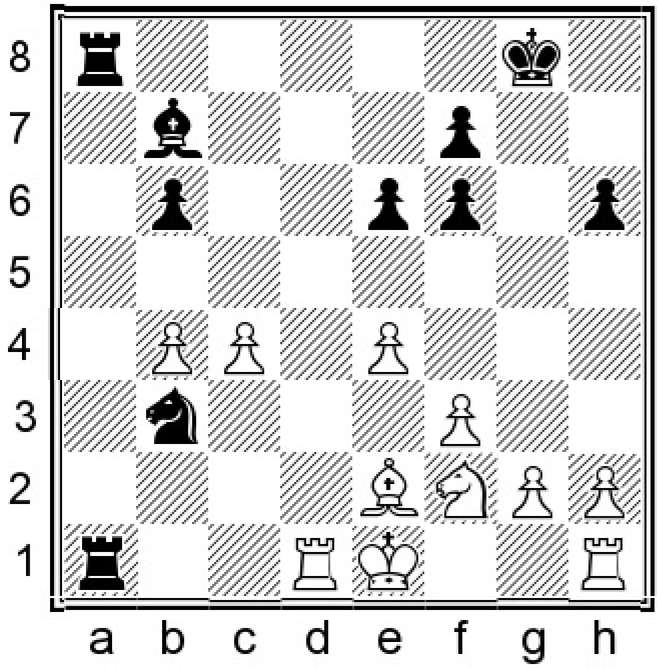
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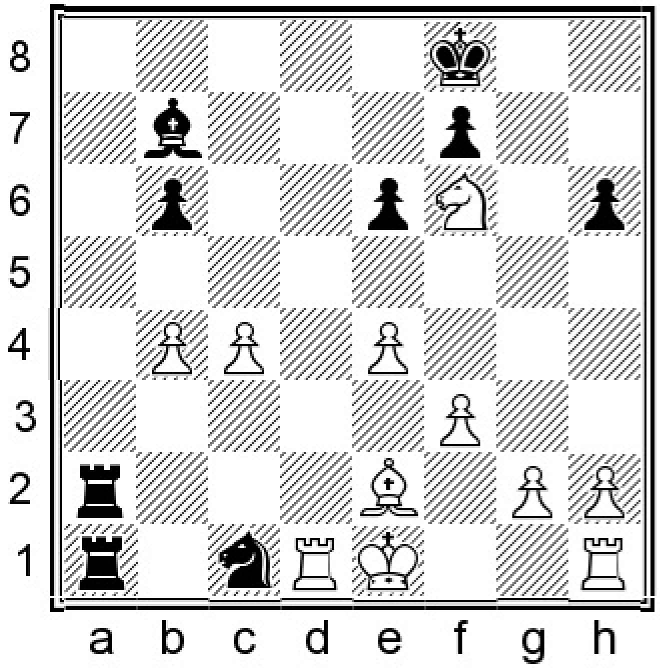
**21...♘c1** Rapport's two victories over Fedoseev were key to his comeback.

**22.♘g4 ♖8a2 23.♘xf6+ ♔f8**

23...♔g7 24.♘h5+ ♔g6 25.♘f4+ ♔g5 26.♔f2!+-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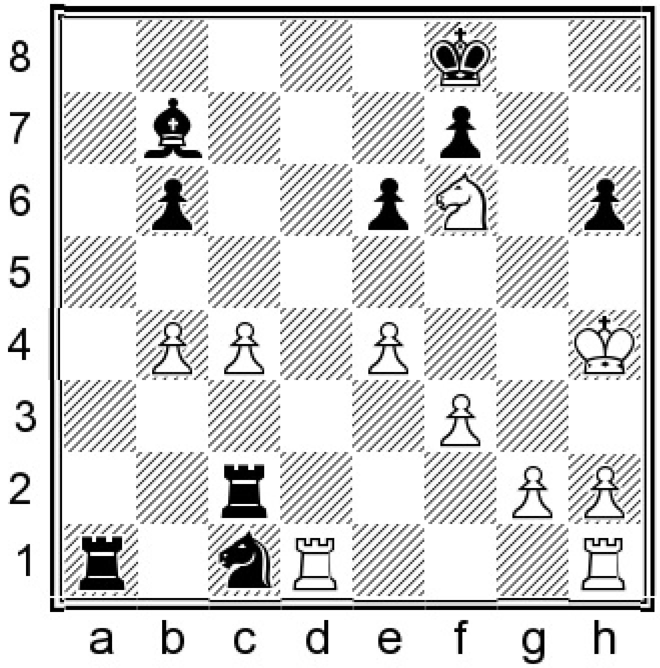
**24.♔f2?**

24.♗f1! ♘d3+ (24...♔g7 25.♘e8+ ♔f8 26.♘d6 ♗a8 (26...♗a6 27.b5+-) 27.♘c8+-; 24...♔e7 25.♘g8+ ♔f8 26.♘xh6+-) 25.♗xd3 ♖xd1+ 26.♔xd1 ♖a1+ 27.♔e2 ♖xh1 28.♘d7+ ♔e8 29.♘xb6 ♖xh2 30.♔f2+-

**24...♖xe2+ 25.♔g3 ♖c2 26.♔h4**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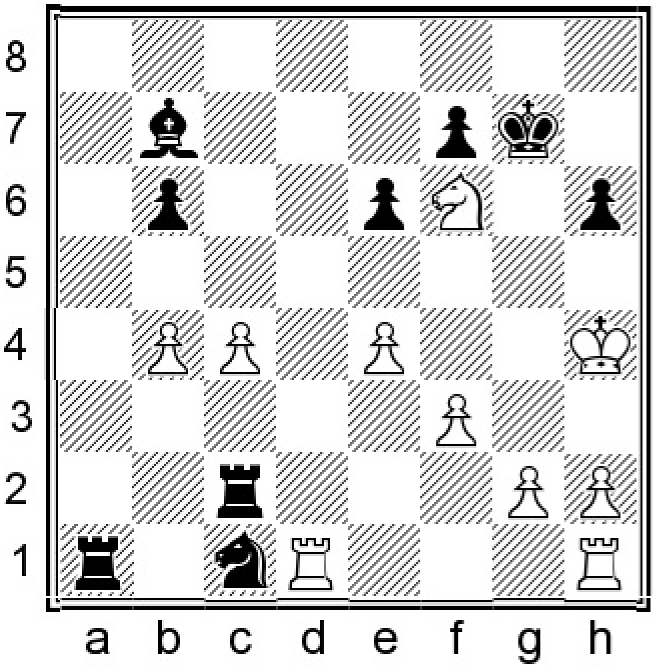
**26...♔g7??**



26...♖xc4 27.♔h5 ♖c2=

**27.♘h5+??** Returns the favour.

27.♘e8+ ♔f8 28.♘d6 ♗c6 29.b5 ♗e8 30.e5± And Black is tied down.

**27...♔g6??**

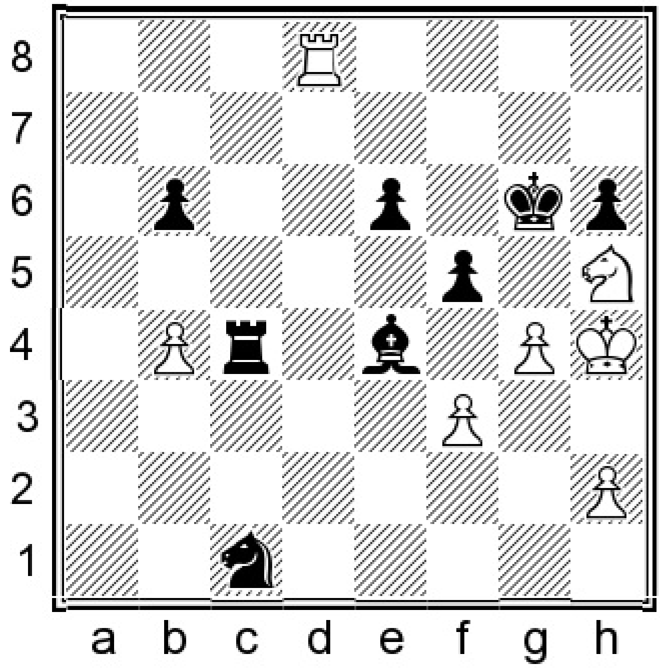
27...♔f8 would have sufficed.

**28.♖d8** Now, Black's king is in imminent danger.

**28...♖a8 29.♖hd1 ♖xc4 30.♖xa8 ♗xa8 31.♖d8 ♗xe4 32.g4! ♔h7**

32...♗xf3 33.♖g8+ ♔h7 34.♘f6#;

32...f5



33.♖d7! fxg4 34.fxg4+- and mate is inevitable.

**33.fxe4 e5+- 34.♘f6+ ♔g6 35.♖d6 ♘e2 36.♘g8+ ♔g7 37.♘xh6 ♖xe4 38.♘f5+ ♔h7 39.♖h6+ ♔g8 40.♖xb6 ♘f4 41.♔g5 f6+ 42.♔h6 ♖e2 43.h4 ♔f7 44.b5 ♖b2 45.♖b8 ♘d5 46.h5 e4 47.♘d6+ ♔e7 48.♘xe4 ♖b4 49.b6 f5 50.gxf5 ♖xe4 51.b7 ♘f6 52.♖d8 1-0**

A simple, yet beautiful game by Aronian.

**B13**
**Aronian, Levon (2772) - Keymer, Vincent (2664)**
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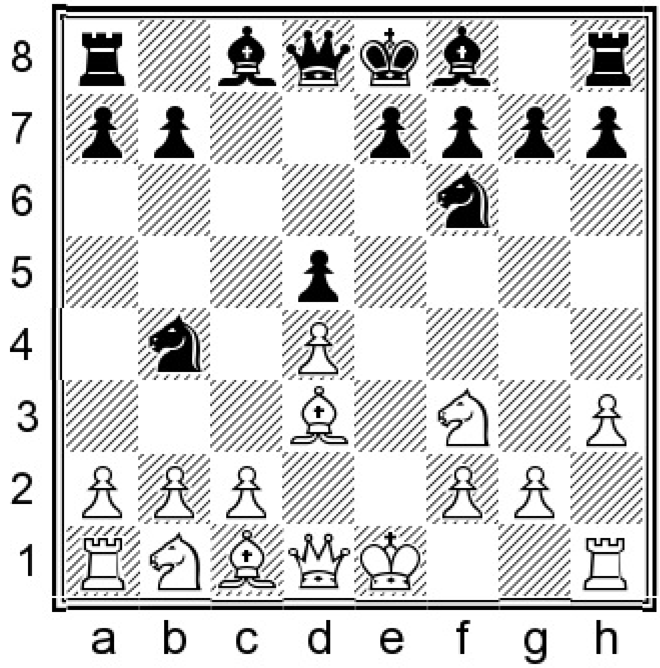
**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♗d3 ♘f6 5.h3 ♘c6 6.♘f3 ♘b4**



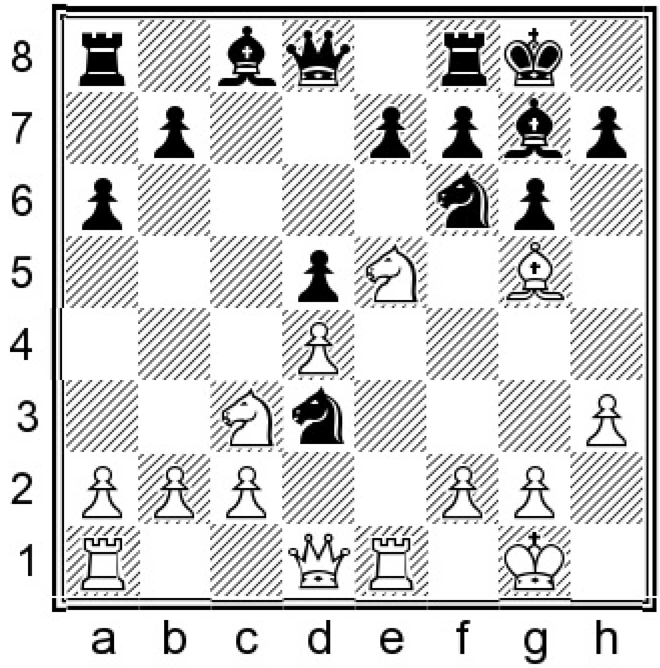
**7.♘c3!?** The beginning of an interesting concept.

**7...g6 8.♘e5 a6!?**

8...♘xd3+?! 9.♕xd3 a6 10.♗f4 ♗g7 11.♕e3 O-O 12.O-O-O! And White's attack is promising;

8...♗g7 9.♗b5+ ♗d7 10.a3 ♘c6 11.O-O O-O 12.♖e1 is more promising for Black.

**9.O-O ♗g7 10.♖e1 O-O 11.♗g5 ♘xd3**



**12.cxd3!** White totally controls the key squares and the open the c-file.

**12...♕b6?**

12...♘e8! 13.♘f3 f6 14.♗f4 e6 15.♘a4 ♘d6 16.♖c1 ♖f7 17.♘c5 ♖e7∞

**13.♘f3 e6?** This almost loses by force.

13...h6 14.♗f4 ♗d7 and because of the b2-pawn Black is still in the game.

**14.♘a4 ♕d6 15.♕d2 a5 16.♖ac1 ♗d7 17.♘c5 b6 18.♗f4 ♕e7 19.♘xd7 ♘xd7 20.♖c7?!**

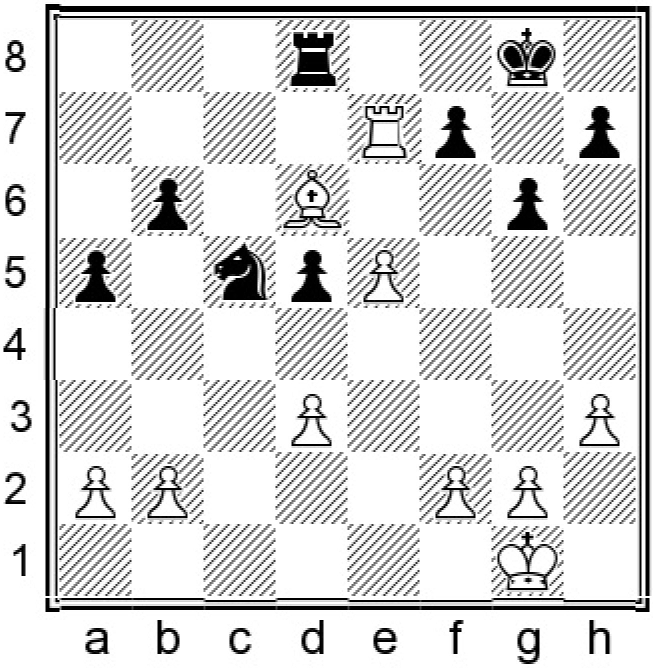
20.♖c6 ♖fc8 21.♕c3 is more accurate.

**20...♖fc8 21.♖ec1 ♕d8 22.♕c2 ♖xc7 23.♕xc7 ♕xc7 24.♖xc7 ♖d8 25.♖b7?!**

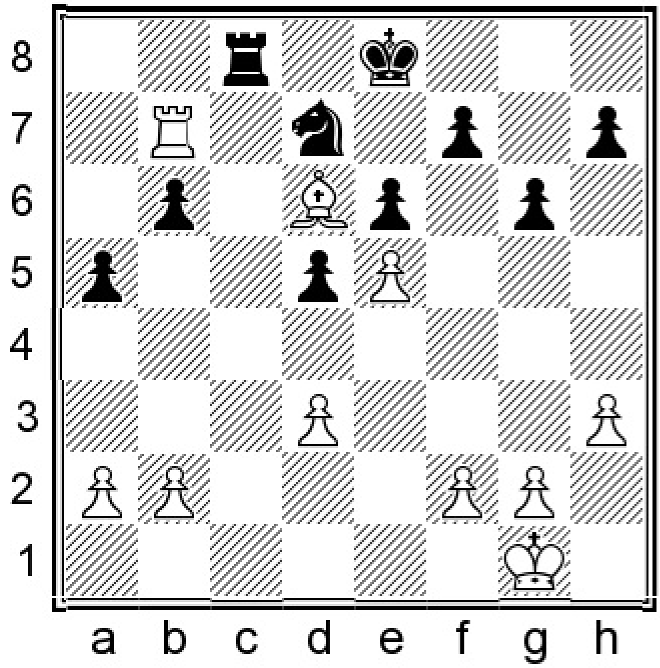
25.♔f1 h6 26.♔e2 g5 27.♗g3 h5 28.♘xg5 ♗xd4 29.♗d6 ♗f6 30.h4 a4 31.f4 And Black is almost in Zugzwang.

**25...♔f8 26.♗d6+ ♔e8 27.♘e5 ♗xe5 28.dxe5 ♖c8?** Black misses his last chance.

28...♘c5 29.♖e7+ ♔f8 30.♖xe6+ ♔g8 31.♖e7



31...♖c8! And White wins with only one plan. 32.♖c7 ♖xc7 33.♗xc7 ♘xd3 34.b3 b5 35.♗xa5 ♘xe5 36.a4 bxa4 37.bxa4 ♔f8 38.♗c7 ♘c6 39.a5 ♔e7 40.a6 ♔d7 41.♗b6+-



**29.d4!** From now on Aronian wins by demonstrating beautiful technique.

**29...♔d8 30.♖a7 ♖c4 31.b3 ♖c1+ 32.♔h2 h6 33.♔g3 ♖c3+ 34.f3 ♖c6 35.h4 ♖c8 36.h5 ♖c6 37.♔h4 ♖c8 38.g4 ♔e8 39.f4 ♔d8 40.hxg6 fxg6 41.g5 h5 42.f5**

42.f5 gxf5 43.g6 ♔e8 44.♔xh5 ♖c2 45.♖a8++-

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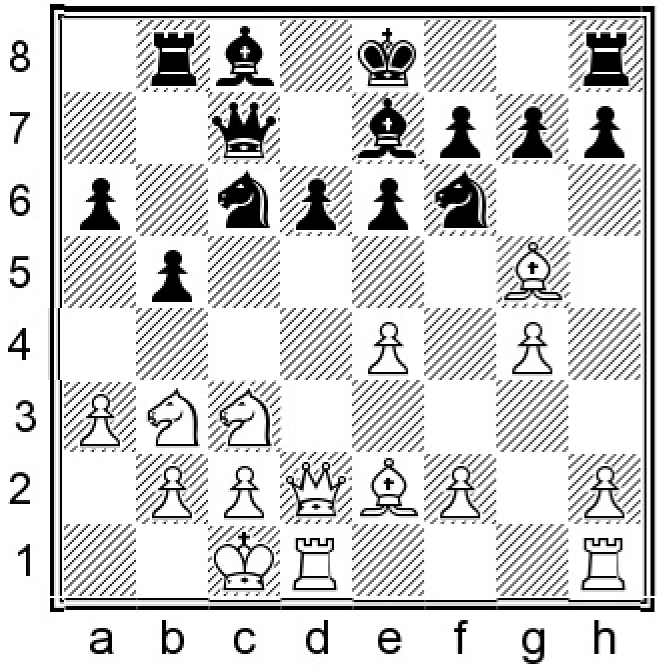
**B60**
**Oparin, Grigoriy (2681) - Rapport, Richard (2763)**
**Berlin, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 ♕b6 8.♘b3 a6 9.♗e2 ♗e7 10.g4 ♕c7 11.O-O-O b5 12.a3 ♖b8**

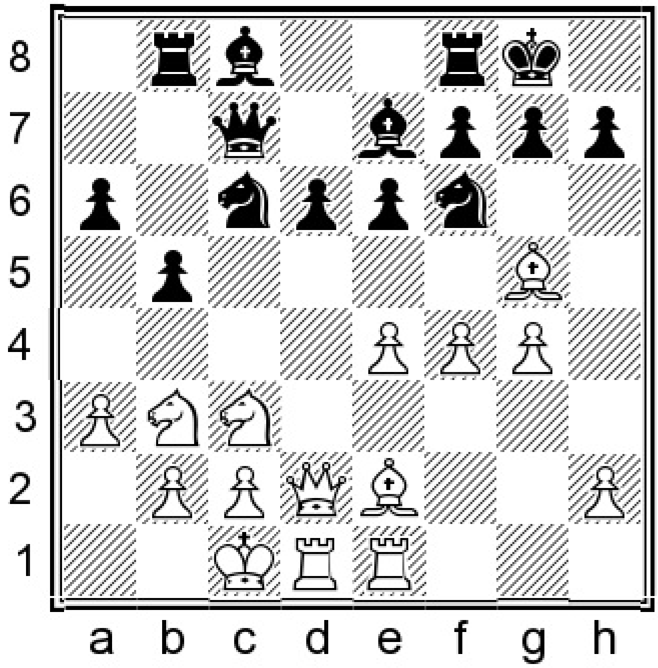


**13.♖he1?!** This does not agree with White's plan.

13.♗xf6!? gxf6 (13...♗xf6?! 14.♕xd6 ♗e5 15.♕xc7 ♗xc7 16.h4 ♔e7 17.♖hf1 ♘e5 18.f4 ♘g6 19.e5 ♗b6 20.♔b1 ♘xh4 21.f5±) 14.f4 ♕b6⇄

**13...O-O 14.f4?** White's pieces do not have harmony. Black's counter-attack is much stronger than White's.

14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 (14...gxf6?! 15.♖g1 ♔h8 16.h4±) 15.♕xd6 ♕b6=



**14...b4?!**

14...♖d8! This strong prophylactic move avoids Bf6 and lets Black having a strong attack with b4.

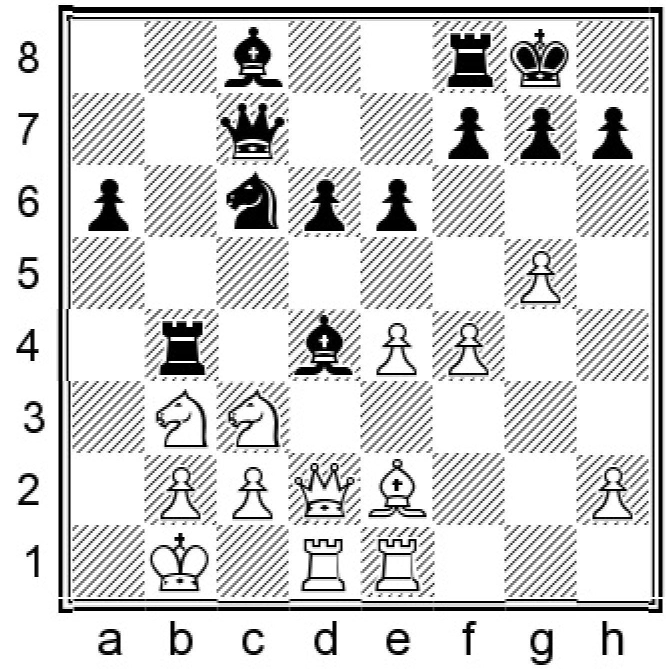
**15.axb4?**

15.♗xf6! ♗xf6 16.♕xd6 ♕b7 17.♘c5∞

**15...♖xb4 16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.g5 ♗d4**

17...♗e7 18.f5 ♖d8 19.g6 hxg6 20.fxg6 ♗f6 21.gxf7+ ♕xf7 22.♖g1 a5 23.♖df1 ♕e7 Engines believe that Black is much better, but it is not practically easy.

**18.♔b1**



**18...♕b6?**

18...♗d7! 19.♘a2 ♖a4 20.♘c3 ♗xc3 21.♕xc3 ♖xe4 22.♖d4 ♖xd4 23.♘xd4 ♕b6∓

**19.♘a2 ♗e3 20.♕xd6 ♖xe4 21.♖f1 g6 22.♗f3 ♗xf4 23.♕d3??**

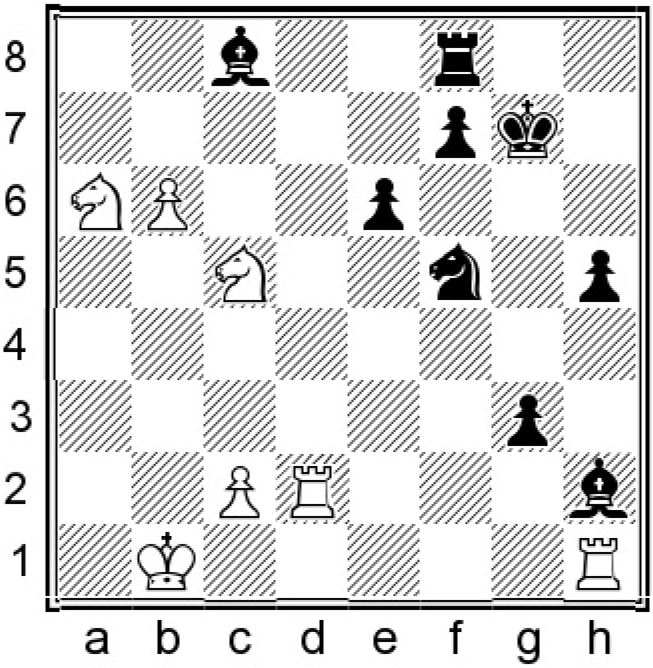
23.♕a3 ♖d4 24.♘xd4 ♘xd4 25.h4 a5=∞

**23...♖e3! 24.♕c4 ♖xf3! 25.♖xf3 ♗xg5 26.♖ff1 ♘e7 27.♕b4 ♕xb4 28.♘xb4 ♘f5 29.♖fe1 ♗f4 30.♘c5 ♗xh2 31.♘bxa6 g5 32.b4 g4** A hasty decision.

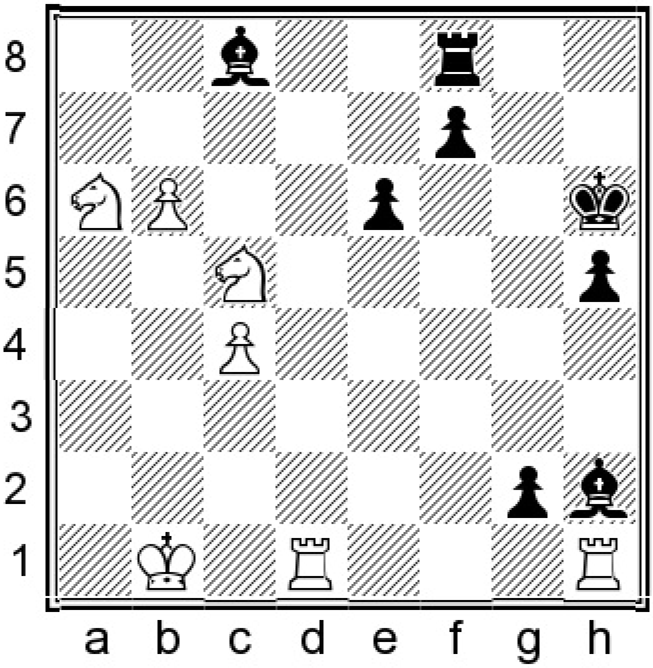
32...♗f4! 33.b5 ♘d6 34.b6 ♗xa6 35.♘xa6 ♖c8-+

**33.b5 h5 34.♖h1 g3 35.♖d2 h4?**

35...♔g7 36.b6



36...♘d6!! 37.c4 ♔h6! 38.♖dxh2 (38.♖xd6 g2 39.♖dd1



39...♖d8!! 40.♖c1 gxh1=♕ 41.♖xh1 ♖d6-+) 38...gxh2 39.♖xh2 ♖g8 40.♔c2 ♖g4-+

**36.b6 ♔g7 37.b7 ♗xb7 38.♘xb7 h3 39.♖dxh2 gxh2 40.♘bc5**

40.♖xh2 ♖h8 41.c4=

**40...♘g3**

40...♘e3! 41.♖xh2 ♖h8 42.♘e4 ♘g4 43.♖h1 f5 44.♘d2 e5 45.♘c5 h2 46.♘d3 e4-+

**41.♖xh2 ♖h8 42.♘d3 ♘f1 43.♖h1 h2 44.♖xf1 h1=♕ 45.♖xh1 ♖xh1+= 46.♔b2 ♔f6 47.c4 e5**

**48.♘ab4 e4 49.♘d5+ ♔e6 50.♘3f4+ ♔e5 51.♘e2 ♖h2 52.♘f4 ♖f2 53.c5 ♖f3 54.♔a2 f5 55.♔b2 ♖xf4 56.♘xf4 ♔xf4 57.c6 e3 58.♔c2 ♔f3 59.c7 e2 60.c8=♕ e1=♕ 1/2-1/2**

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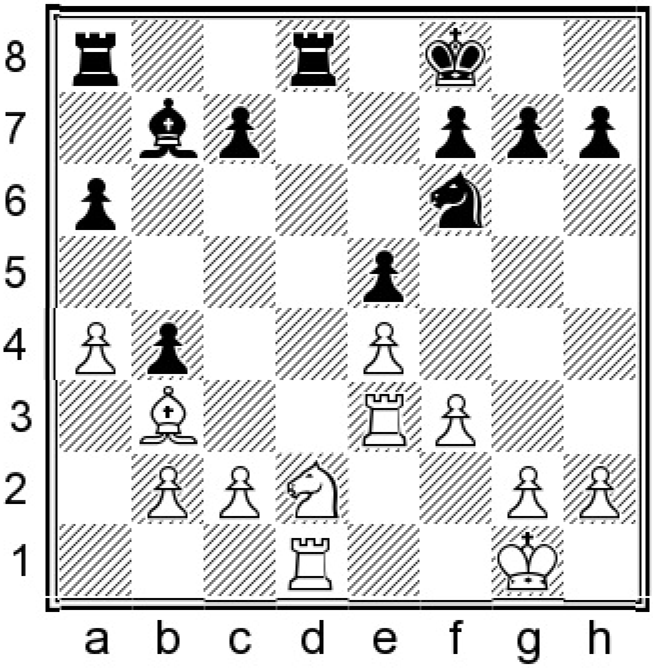
**Bacrot, Etienne (2642) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**Berlin, 2022**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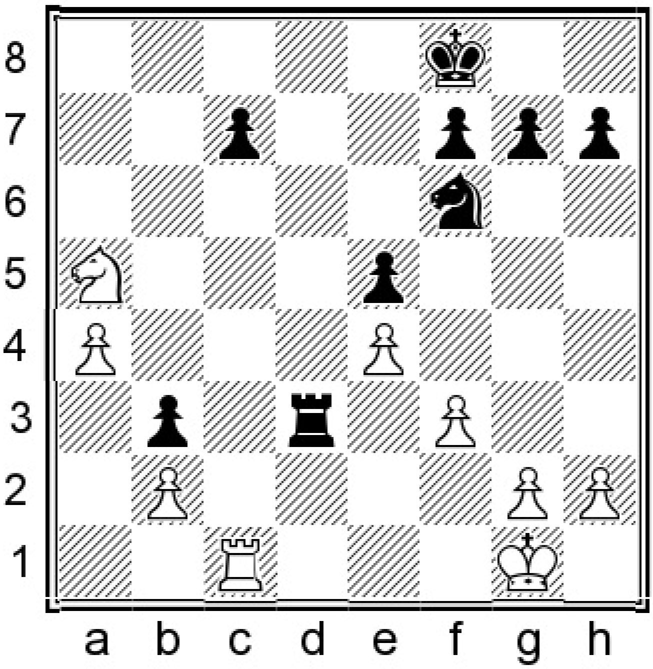
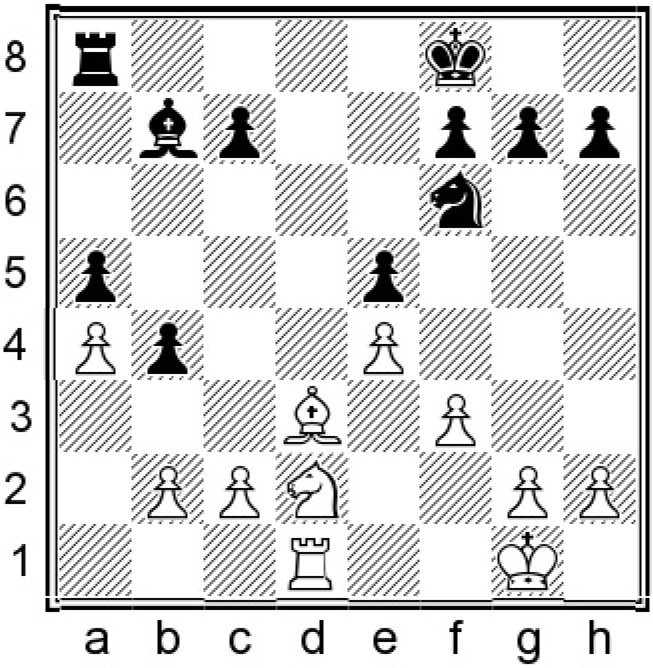
**19...a5 20.♗c4**

20.♖d3! ♗a6 (20...♖xd3 21.cxd3 ♗a6 22.♖c1 ♖d8 23.♗c4! ♗xc4 (23...♗b7 24.♔f2 ♔e7 25.d4! exd4 26.♗f1 ♖d7 27.♘b3 ♘e8 28.♘xa5 ♗a8 29.♗b5!+-) 24.♘xc4 ♖xd3 25.♘xa5 b3

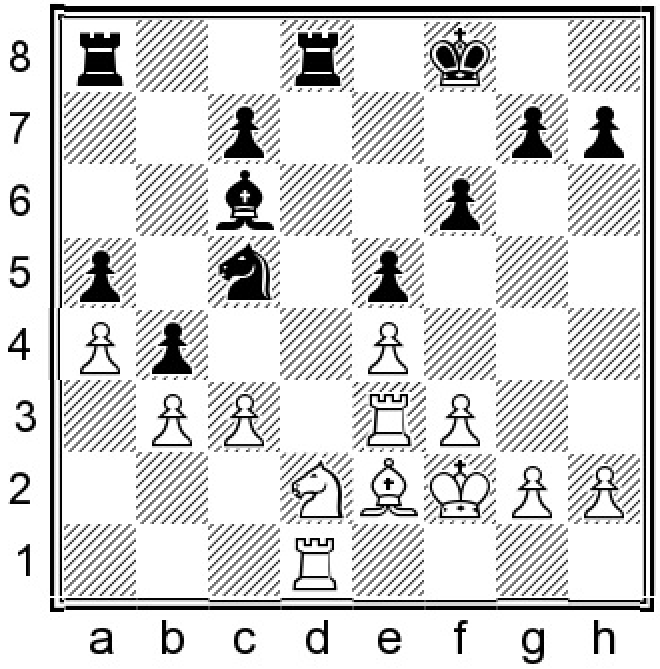


26.♘c4! ♘d7 27.a5!+-) 21.♗c4 (21.♘c4?! ♖xd3 22.cxd3 ♗xc4! 23.♗xc4 c6 24.♔f2 ♔e7 25.♔e3 c5=) 21...♖xd3 22.♗xd3! ♗b7



23.♖c1! ♘d7 (23...♖d8?? 24.♘c4+-) 24.b3 ♘c5 25.♔f2 ♖d8 26.♔e3 f6 27.♘c4 ♖a8 28.g3± with a pleasant ending for White.

**20...♗c6 21.b3 ♘d7 22.♗e2 ♘c5 23.♔f2 f6 24.c3**



**24...♗e8?!**

24...♘xa4! 25.bxa4 ♗xa4 26.♖a1 ♖xd2 27.♔e1 ♖b2 28.♖xa4 b3 29.♗c4 ♖b1+ 30.♔f2 b2 31.♗a2 ♖c1 32.♖a3 b1=♕ 33.♗xb1 ♖xb1 34.♖e2 ♖b5∓

**25.♔e1 ♗f7 26.cxb4 axb4** The game should be a draw but Bacrot's passive play led him to a painful loss.

**27.♗c4?**

27.♖c1

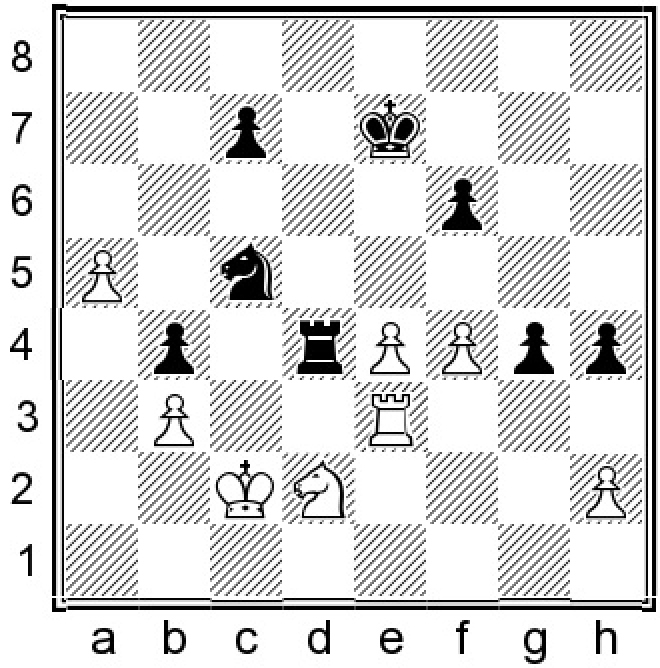
**27...♖d4 28.♖c1 ♗xc4 29.♖xc4 ♖xc4**

29...♘e6 30.g3 c5 31.♖c1 g5 32.♔e2 ♖ad8 33.♘c4 h5 34.a5 ♔g7 35.♔f2 g4∓

**30.♘xc4 ♖d8 31.g3 ♔e7 32.♔e2 ♖d4 33.♘d2 g5∓ 34.♔d1 h5 35.♔c2 g4 36.f4**

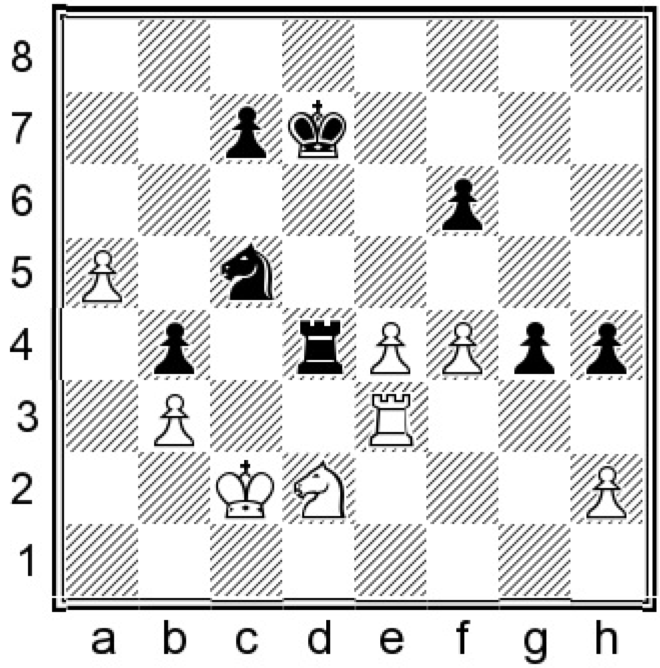
36.a5 gxf3 37.♖xf3 ♔e6 38.♖f1 with good drawing chances.

**36...exf4 37.gxf4 h4 38.a5**



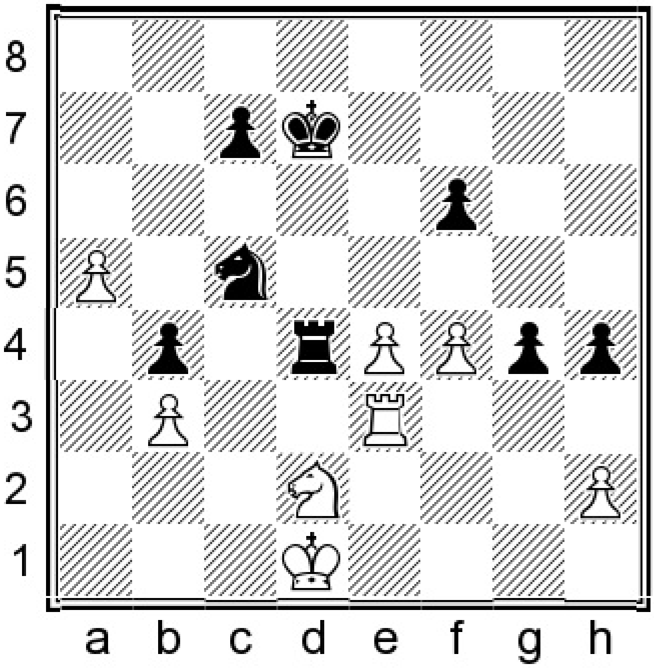
**38...♔d7??**

38...♖d8 39.f5 ♖a8-+



**39.♔d1??**

39.f5 ♔e7 40.♘c4 c6 41.♘d2 ♖d8 42.e5 with a draw being most probable result.



**39...g3! 40.hxg3 hxg3 41.♔c2 g2 42.♖e1 ♘d3 43.♖a1 ♘xf4 44.a6 ♔c6**

44...♔c6 45.a7 ♖d8 46.♘f3 ♔b7 47.♘h4 ♔a8-+

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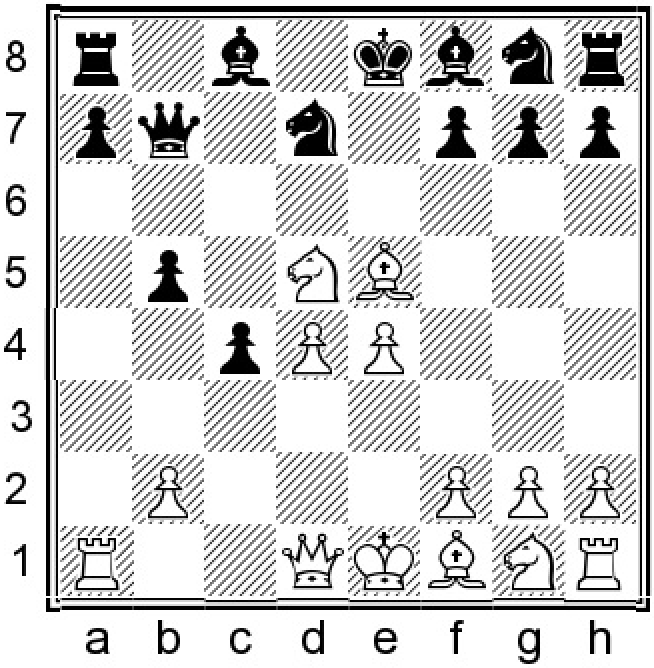
**D20**

**Aronian, Levon (2772) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752)**
**Berlin (playoff-m/1-rapid), 2022**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 5.axb5 cxb5 6.♘c3 ♕b6 7.♘d5** This has become a topical opening discussion these days.

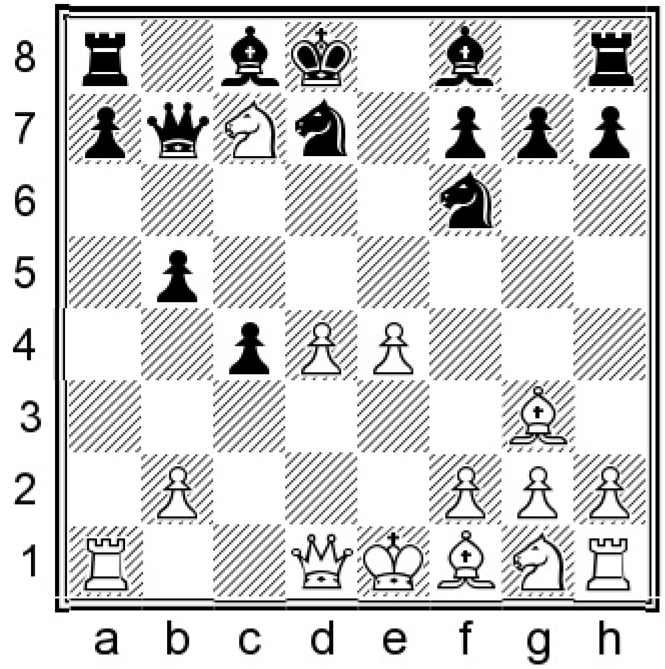
**7...♕b7 8.♗f4 e5! 9.♗xe5 ♘d7**



**10.♗f4!**

10.♘f3? ♘gf6! 11.♗xf6 (11.♘c7+ ♔d8 12.♘a6 ♕xe4+∓) 11...♘xf6 12.♘xf6+ gxf6 13.♗e2 ♗b4+ 14.♔f1 O-O∓ Greenfeld, Alon 2502 - Nguyen,Thai Dai Van 2577, tornelo.com (Internet-m/1) 2021;

10.♗g3 ♘gf6 11.♘c7+ ♔d8



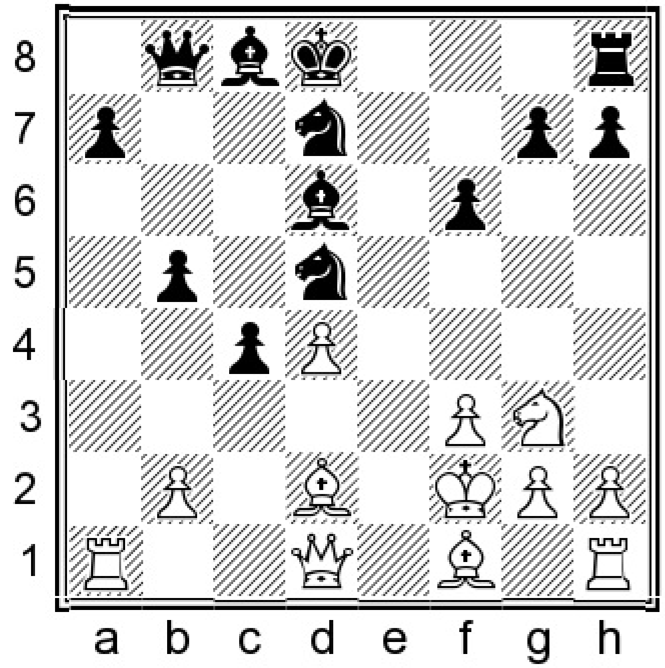
12.f3 (12.♘xa8?? ♗b4+-+) 12...♘xe4 (12...♖b8?? 13.♘a6+- Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu 2608 - Abdumalik,Zhansaya 2472, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021) 13.fxe4 ♗b4+ 14.♔f2 ♘f6 15.♗xc4 bxc4 16.♘xa8 ♘xe4+ 17.♔f1 ♘d2+ 18.♔f2 ♘e4+=

**10...♘gf6 11.♘c7+ ♔d8 12.♘xa8 ♕xe4+ 13.♘e2 ♕xa8 14.f3 ♘d5 15.♗g5+**

15.♗d2 ♗d6 16.♘c3 ♘xc3 17.bxc3 ♘f6 18.♗g5 a5 19.♗e2 ♖e8 20.♔f2 ♕d5=∞;

15.♔f2 ♘7b6 16.g3 a5 17.♕c1 a4 18.♘c3 ♕c6=∞

**15...f6 16.♗d2 ♗d6 17.♘g3 ♕b8 18.♔f2**

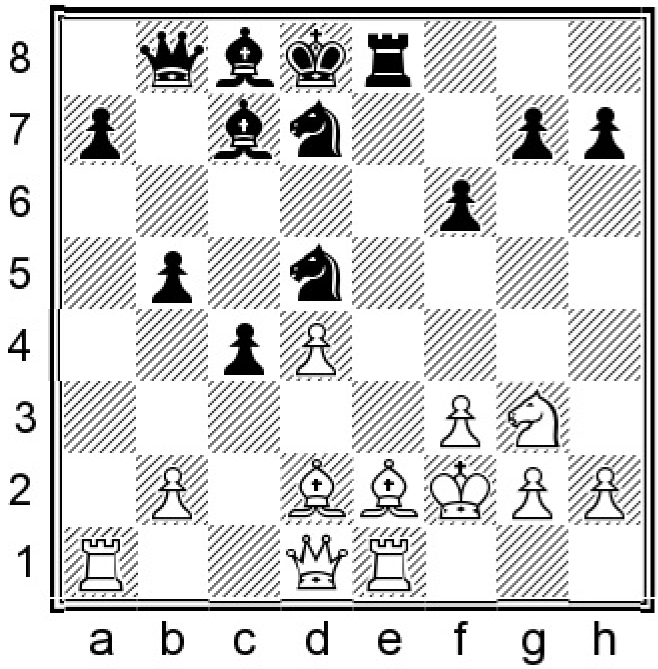


**18...♖e8?!** Not a mistake but a wrong path.

18...a6!? 19.♗e2 ♗c7 20.♖e1 g6 21.♘e4 ♖e8⇄;

18...♗c7! 19.♘e4 ♖e8 20.♘c3 ♘e7! All engine moves. 21.b3 b4 22.bxc4 bxc3 23.♗xc3 ♗xh2∓ Black obtained the upper hand, though the position remains complicated.

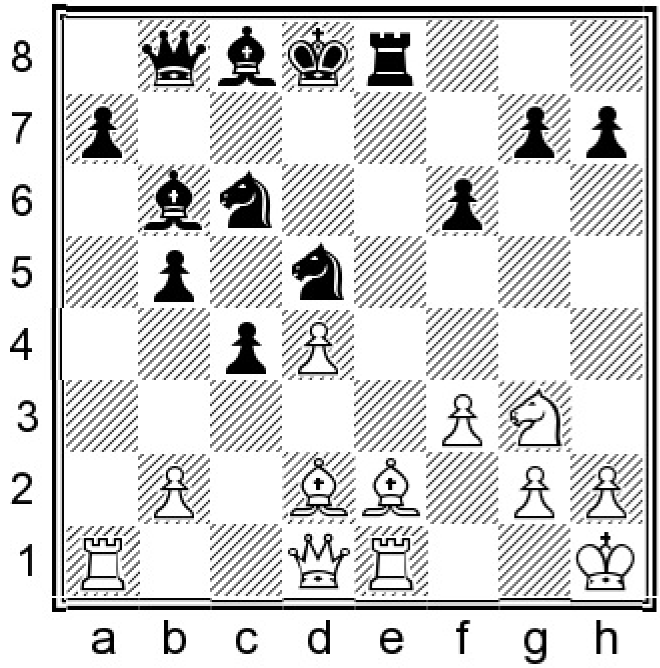
**19.♗e2 ♗c7 20.♖e1**



**20...♗b6?** An unfortunate blunder for Dominguez.

20...a6! 21.♗f1 ♕a7! 22.♗c3 (22.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 23.♗c3 ♘e5∞) 22...♖xe1 23.♕xe1 b4 24.♕e4 ♗b7 25.♗d2 c3 26.bxc3 ♘xc3 27.♕xh7 ♕xd4+ 28.♗e3 ♗xg3+ 29.hxg3 ♘e4+! 30.fxe4 ♕xa1 31.♕g8+ ♔e7 32.♕xg7+ ♔d8 33.♕h8+ ♔e7=

**21.♔g1 ♘e5 22.♔h1 ♘c6**

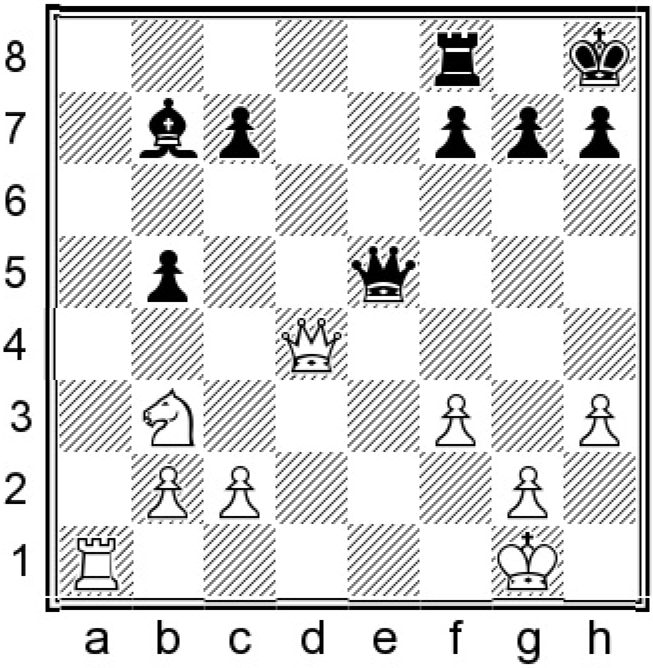


**23.b3!** Now it is just an exchange up for White. The rest was a matter of technique for Aronian.

**23...c3 24.♗xb5 ♗d7 25.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 26.♗e1 ♘xd4 27.♗xe8 c2 28.♕d3 ♔xe8 29.♗d2 ♕e5 30.♖c1 f5 31.♕c4 ♘e3 32.♕c8+ ♔f7 33.♕d7+ ♔g6 34.f4 ♕e6 35.♕xe6+ ♘xe6 36.♘e2 ♘g4 37.g3 ♘c5 38.b4 ♘d3 39.♖xc2 ♘gf2+ 40.♔g2 ♘e4 41.♘c1 1-0**

*Leinier Domínguez Pérez vs Levon Aronian, Berlin FIDE Grand Prix 2022; Photo by WorldChess*

**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Aronian, Levon (2772)**
**Berlin (playoff-m/1-rapid), 2022**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**24...♕g5**

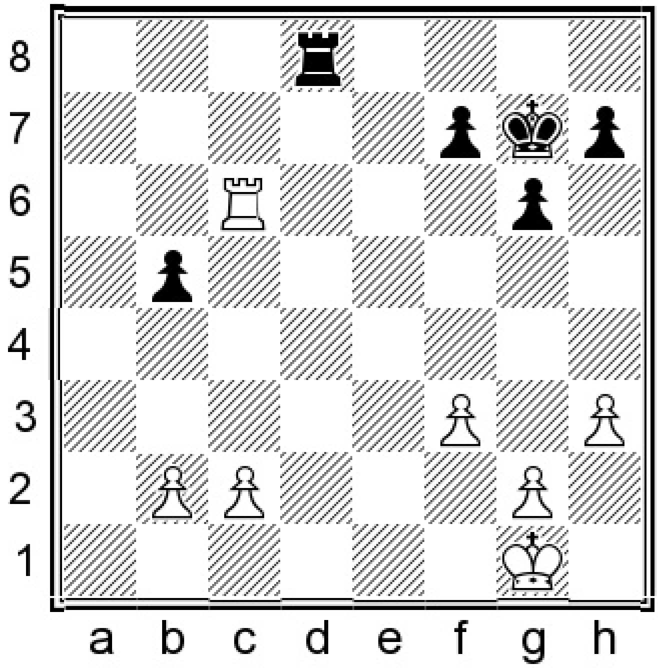
A beautiful technical win by Nakamura in the first game of the rapid tiebreak ensured him the victory. The game is far from perfect, but it has several beautiful moments.

**25.♕c5! ♕xc5+ 26.♘xc5** The endgame is clearly better for White.

**26...♗d5 27.♖a7 c6 28.♘d3 g6 29.♖c7 ♖a8 30.♘b4 ♔g7**

30...♖a1+ 31.♔f2 ♖c1 32.♔e3 ♔g7=

**31.♘xc6 ♗xc6 32.♖xc6 ♖d8**

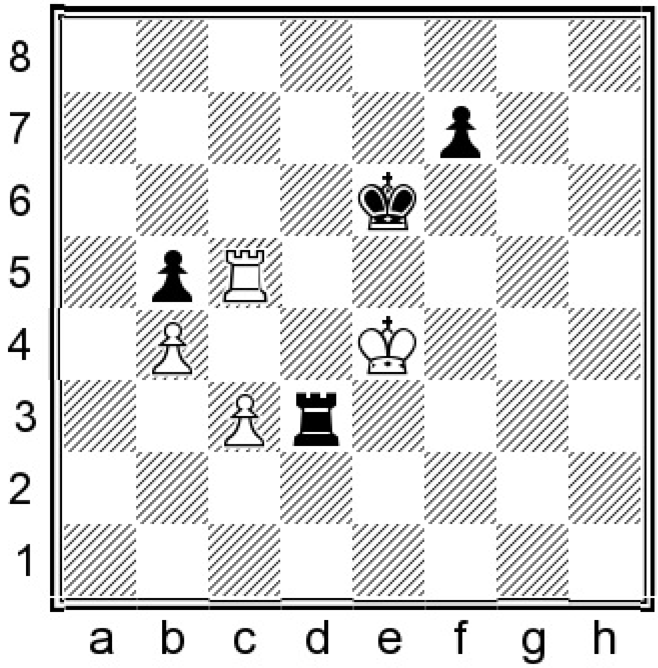


**33.g4?**

33.b4! ♖d2 34.♖c5 h5 35.h4 f6 36.c3 ♖c2 37.♔h2 ♔f7 38.♔g3 ♔g7 39.♔h3 ♔f7 40.g4 hxg4+ 41.♔xg4+-

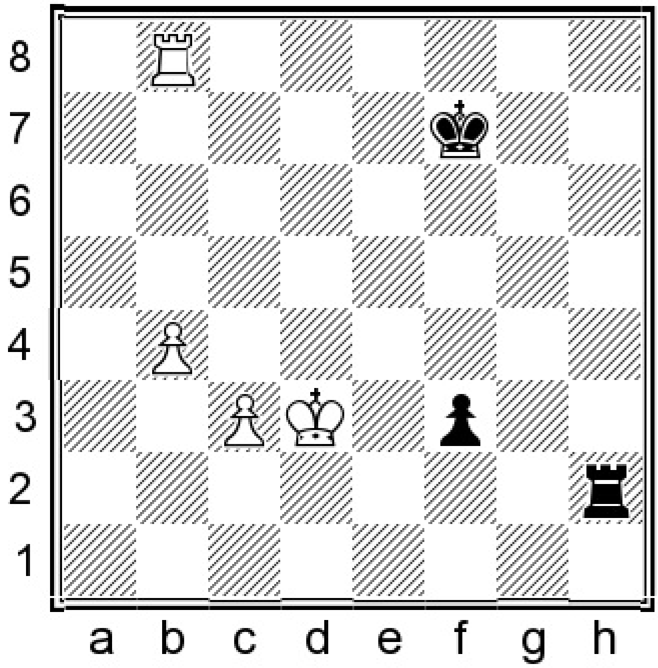
**33...♖d2 34.h4 h5 35.gxh5 gxh5= 36.b4 ♖d4 37.c3 ♖xh4 38.♔g2 ♖f4 39.♔g3 ♖f5 40.f4 h4+ 41.♔xh4 ♖xf4+ 42.♔g5** It is hard to imagine Black losing this position but in a game with few seconds on the clock only one with nerves of steel can prevail!

**42...♖f3 43.♔g4 ♖d3 44.♖c5 ♔f6 45.♔f4 ♔e6 46.♔e4**



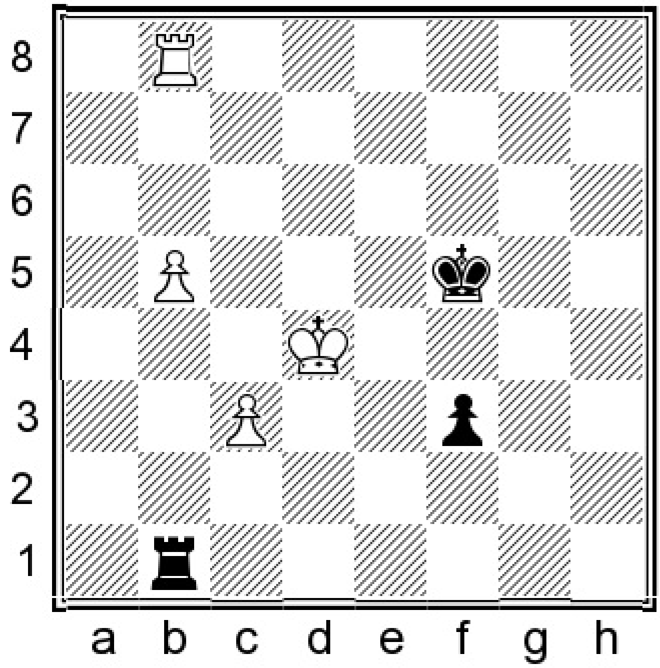
**46...♖d8??** Not sure why Aronian hanged the pawn.

46...♖h3! 47.♔d4 ♖h4+ 48.♔d3 ♖h3+ 49.♔c2 ♖h2+ 50.♔b3 f5 51.♖xb5 f4 52.♖b8 ♔f7! 53.♔c4 f3 54.♔d3



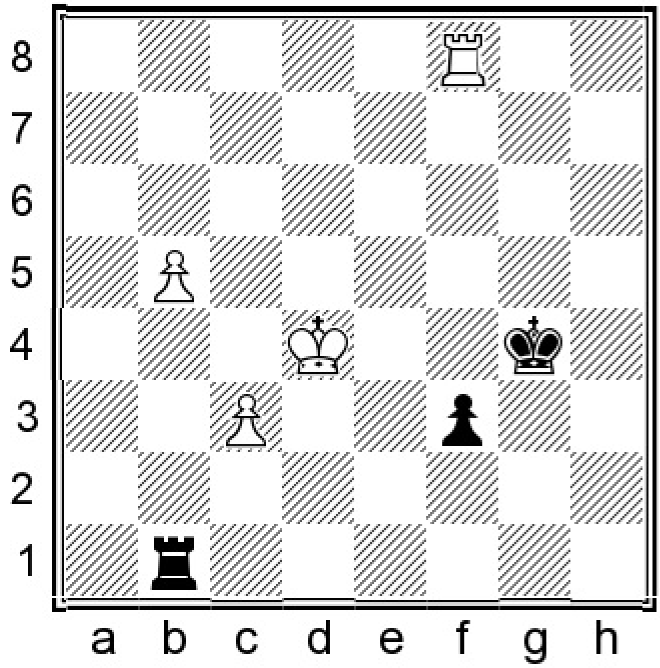
54...♖b2! 55.♖b5 ♔f6 56.♖h5 f2 57.♖h1 ♔e6 58.♖f1 ♔d5 59.c4+ ♔e5 60.b5 ♔d6 61.♔d4 ♖d2+ 62.♔c3 ♖e2 63.♔b4 ♖b2+ 64.♔c3 ♖e2=

**47.♖xb5 ♖d1 48.♖b6+ ♔d7 49.♖f6 ♔e7 50.♖f3 ♔e6 51.♖d3 f5+ 52.♔d4 ♖b1 53.♖e3+ ♔f6 54.♖e8 f4 55.♖b8 ♔f5 56.b5 f3**



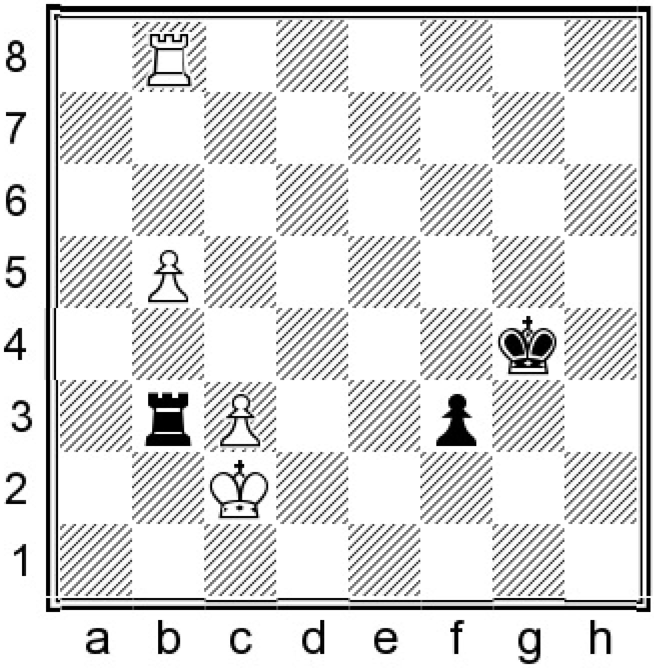
**57.♔e3??** Nakamura throws away the win.

57.♖f8+ ♔g4



58.♔e4!! A hard to see move! 58...♖e1+ (58...♖xb5 59.♖xf3 and there is no check.) 59.♔d5 ♖b1 60.c4+-

**57...♖b3 58.♔d3 ♔g4 59.♔c2**



**59...f2??** - and Aronian returns the favour.

59...♖a3 60.♖f8 ♔g3 61.b6 ♖a2+ 62.♔b3 ♖a6 63.♖f6 f2 64.b7 ♖xf6 65.b8=♕+ ♖f4= White only has a perpetual check.

**60.♖f8 ♖xb5 61.♖xf2 ♖c5** Black's king is cut a file one too many! **1-0**

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# BOSSA NOVA

By GM Rafael Leitão

## THE CLASH OF GENERATIONS

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- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1998

During the first weekend of February we had a historical little tournament in Sao Paulo. The event was called "The Clash of Generations" as it confronted 3 retired competitors against 3 active ones. In the retired group (nicknamed "red wine") were: GM Giovanni Vescovi, GM Gilberto Milos and myself. In the active or younger group (nicknamed "milk") were: GM Alexandr Fier, GM Luis Paulo Supi and GM Krikor Mekhitarian.

The event was a huge success, as many were curious to see if the retired players could still move the pieces well. Here in Brazil (and I suspect in the whole world too) there was a big boost of pupularity for chess due to the pandemic and also the "Queen's Gambit" Netflix show. Many of the younger fans have never seen the older Brazilian grandmasters playing so it was no surprise that the online transmission was packed, with usually more than 5000 people watching it live.

The tournament was also a breeze of fresh air for Brazilian chess and maybe the indication of brighter days ahead. We were treated wonderfully by the organizers, all our demands were met, as well as good financial conditions. We even played in an art gallery!

The time control was a curious one: 30 minutes + 20 seconds increment (I had never seen it before) and members of opposing teams would face each other twice, in a total of 18 games. The result was pretty one-sided 12 1/2 : 5 1/2 in favour of the "milk team", but that was sort of expected. In this article I would like to show the best games of this tournament, including some contribution to the development of the theory in some topical lines.

This game was played in the first round and was met with great expectations. With the white pieces, GM Supi, the current Brazilian Champion and rising star, with a big legion of followers. He is a great blitz player with more than 3000 blitz rating at the most popular online chess clubs. With the black pieces, GM Vescovi, a legend of Brazilian chess, 7 times Brazilian Champion but now retired and working in a bank.

## SÃO PAULO (rapid), II 2022
## The Clash of Generations

Time control: 30 minutes for the entire game plus 20 seconds increment per move starting from move one.

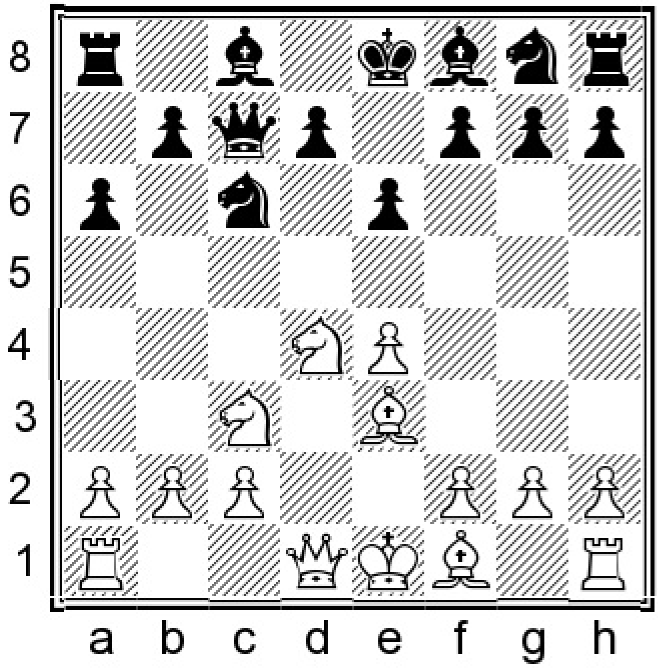
**Milk team 12½** [L. Supi 4½/6, A. Fier 4½/6, Mekhitarian 3½/6]

**Red wine team 5½** [G. Vescovi 2/6, R. Leitão 3/6, G. Milos ½/6]

**B48**
**Supi, Luis Paulo (2581) - Vescovi, Giovanni (2606)**
**Sao Paulo, 2022**

**1.e4 c5** Not afraid of a big duel!

**2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6**



**7.g4!?** A popular choice nowadays.

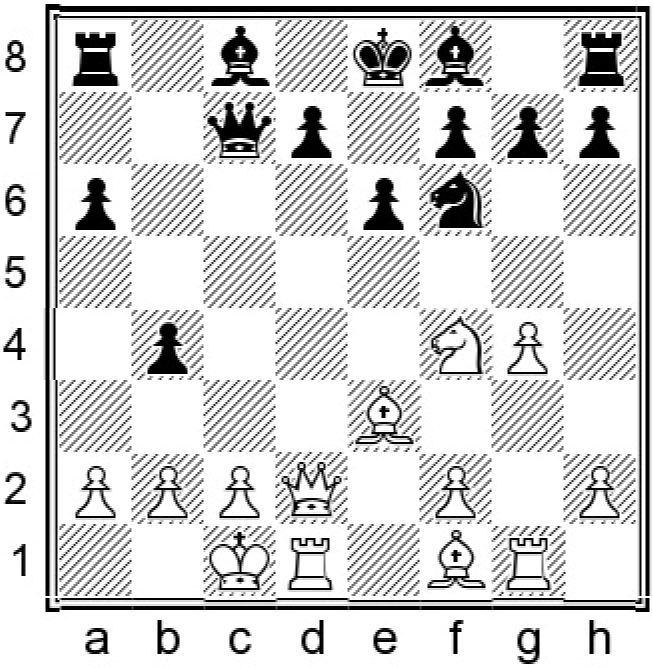
**7...b5 8.♘xc6 ♕xc6 9.♕d2 b4 10.♘e2 ♕xe4** In the ancient times taking such a pawn would be considered a crime, but the engines nowadays show that greed is not such a "capital crime" in the Sicilian anymore.

**11.♖g1 ♕c4 12.♘f4 ♕c7 13.O-O-O**

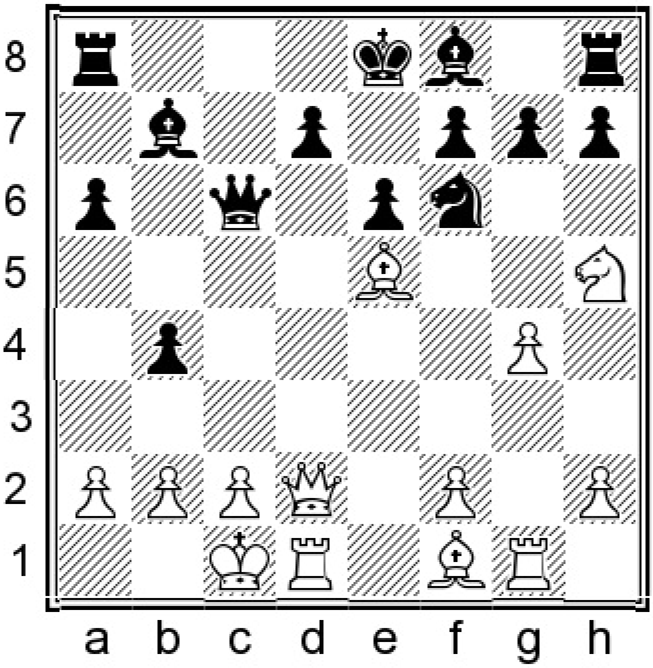
This is the critical position for the evaluation of the 7.g4 line, at least as far as the current state of theory goes. We have games from some very strong grandmasters here. Sure, some of those were played in blitz tournaments online, but should we really ignore those games?

**13...a5?N**

13...♘f6 This is the main move, but not enough for equality.

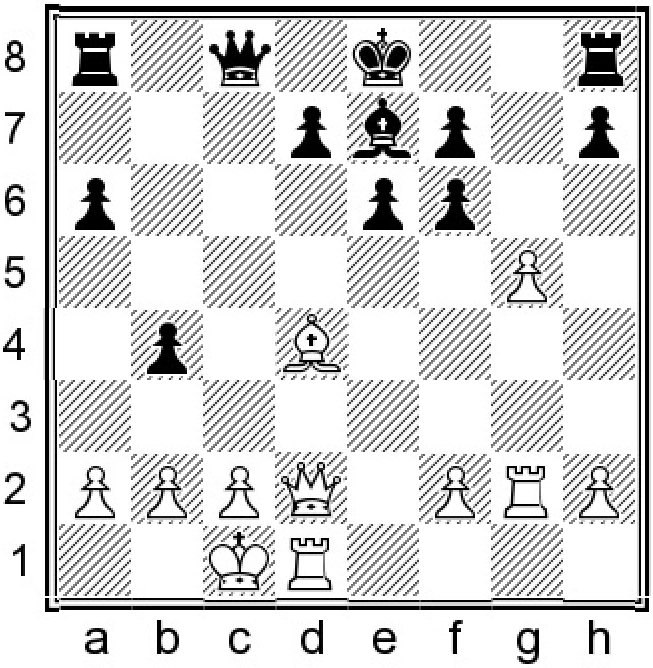


14.♘h5! The most precise. Black has some problems to solve here. (14.♗g2?! ♗b7 15.g5 (15.♗xb7 ♕xb7∓ Bartel,Mateusz 2597 - Movsesian,Sergei 2627, Riga 2021) 15...♘e4 16.♕d4 ♘d6∓ Karjakin,Sergey 2758 - Rapport,Richard 2760, Stavanger 2021; 14.♗d4 ♗b7 15.♘h5 ♘xh5 16.gxh5 ♖g8= Varga,Richard 2070 - Horvath,Adam 2501, Zalakaros 2021) 14...♘d5 (14...♗b7 Now White can create some pressure in different ways. 15.♗b6 (15.♗f4 ♕c6 16.♘xf6+ (16.♗e5?!

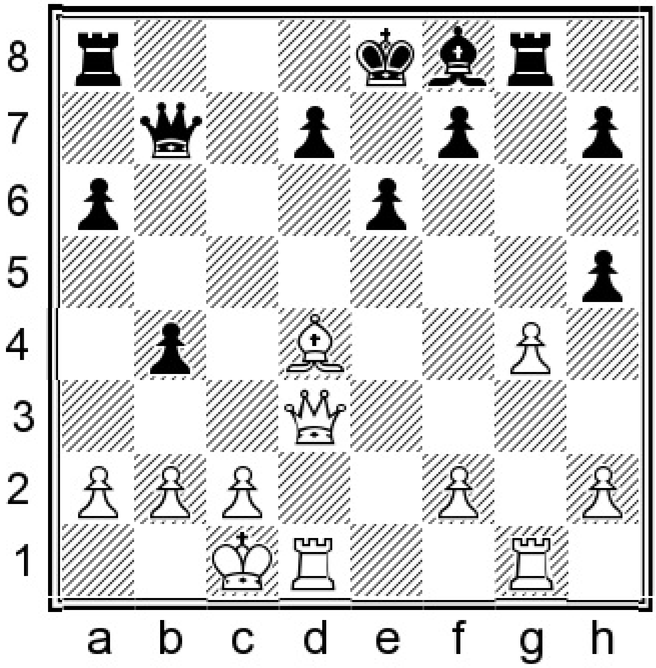


16...♘e4! (16...♘xh5?! 17.gxh5=∞ Ali Marandi,Cemil Can 2542 - Maiti,Milind 2395, Charlotte 2021) 17.♕e3 f6 18.♗d4 e5 19.♗b6 d5 20.♗g2 ♖c8=; 16.♗g2 d5 17.♘xf6+ gxf6 18.g5 ♗g7 (18...f5=)

19.♕xb4∞ Fedoseev,Vladimir 2704 - Pichot,Alan 2625, europe-echecs.com (Internet-blitz) 2022) 16...gxf6 17.g5 f5 18.♗e5 ♖g8 19.♗f6⯹ with good compensation.) 15...♕c6 (15...♕c8?! 16.♗d4 (16.♘xf6+ gxf6 17.♗d4±) 16...♘xh5 17.gxh5± Razafindratsima,Timothe 2376 - Materia,Marco 2364, Marseille 2021) 16.♗g2 ♕c8 (16...d5?! 17.♗d4 ♘xh5 18.gxh5± Rakotomaharo,Fy Antenaina 2391 - Volokitin,Andrei 2606, Riga (blitz) 2021) 17.♘xf6+ gxf6 18.♗d4 ♗xg2 (18...e5? 19.♖de1 ♗xg2 20.♖xg2±) 19.♗xf6 (19.♖xg2 ♗e7 20.g5

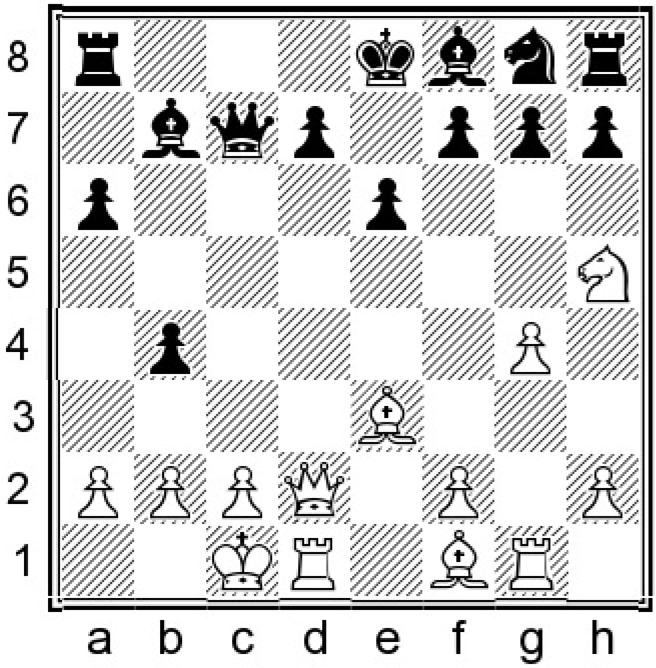


20...♖g8!∞) 19...♗f3 20.♗xh8 ♗xd1 21.♖xd1⩲ with a more pleasant position for White.) 15.♗d4 ♖g8 16.♕d3! An important move, played in a recent high profile game. (16.♗g2 ♗b7 17.♖ge1 O-O-O 18.♗e4 h6 19.♗h7 ♖h8 20.♗e4 ♖g8= Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo 2620 - Materia, Marco 2303, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021; 16.♗d3 ♗b7 17.♔b1 (17.♗xh7 ♖h8 18.♗e4 O-O-O∞ with chances for both sides.) 17...O-O-O (17...g6 18.♘f6+ ♘xf6 19.♗xf6⯹) 18.♕e2⩲ Motylev,Alexander 2624 - Alekseenko, Kirill 2710, Russia (ch) 2021) 16...g6 17.♗g2! gxh5 18.♗xd5 ♗b7 19.♗xb7 ♕xb7 and now I think White can improve.



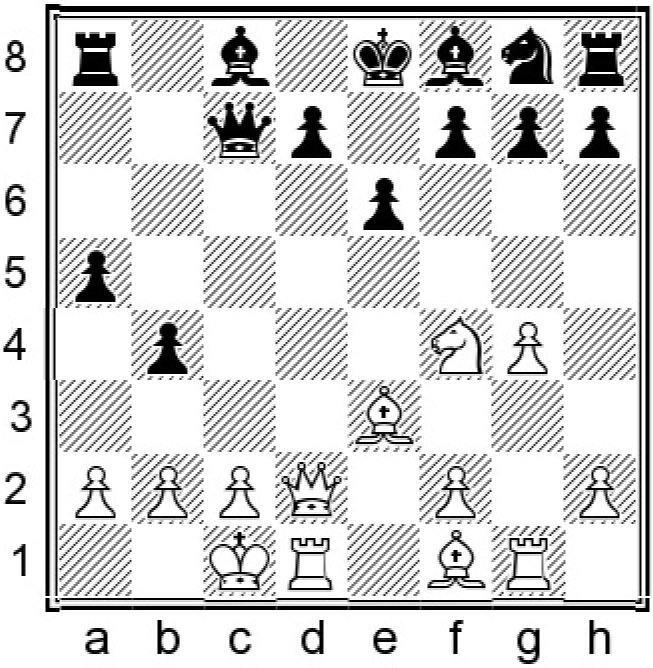
20.g5!↑ with a strong initiative. (20.gxh5 ♖xg1 21.♖xg1 ♕d5∞ was not so clear in Esipenko,Andrey 2714 - Shankland,Samuel 2708, Wijk aan Zee 2022; 20.♕xh7 ♖xg4 21.♕xh5 ♖xg1 22.♖xg1 ♕e4=)

13...♗b7!? Maybe Black should pay some attention to this move, played in only 2 games. 14.♗b6 (14.♘h5 after this thematic move Black can try



14...O-O-O! followed by Ne7) 14...♕c6! An important new move! (14...♕c8?! 15.♘h5 was better for White. 15...g6 (15...♘f6 16.♘xf6+ gxf6 17.♗d4 ♗e7 (17...e5 18.g5! exd4 19.♕xd4+-) 18.g5±; 15...♘e7 16.♗d4) 16.♗d4+- (16.♕d4 f6 17.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 18.♕xf6 ♖g8± Liyanage,Ranindu Dilshan 2353 - Turzo,Attila 2340, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2022)) 15.♗g2 ♕c8 16.♗xb7 ♕xb7 17.♘h5 (17.♖ge1?! ♘f6) 17...♘f6 18.♘xf6+ (18.♗d4 ♘xh5 19.gxh5 ♖g8 with a good position.) 18...gxf6∞

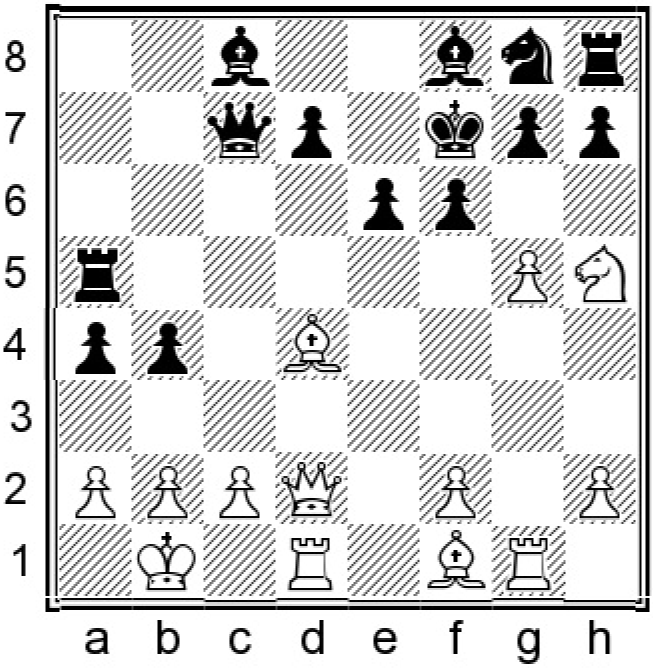
with a complicated game. White certainly has enough compensation for the pawn, but this looks better than most positions Black gets in this line.



A trait of a good Sicilian player is to play **14.♔b1!** at the right moment.

**14...a4 15.♘h5 ♖a5 16.♗d4 f6 17.g5!** White's attack plays easily.

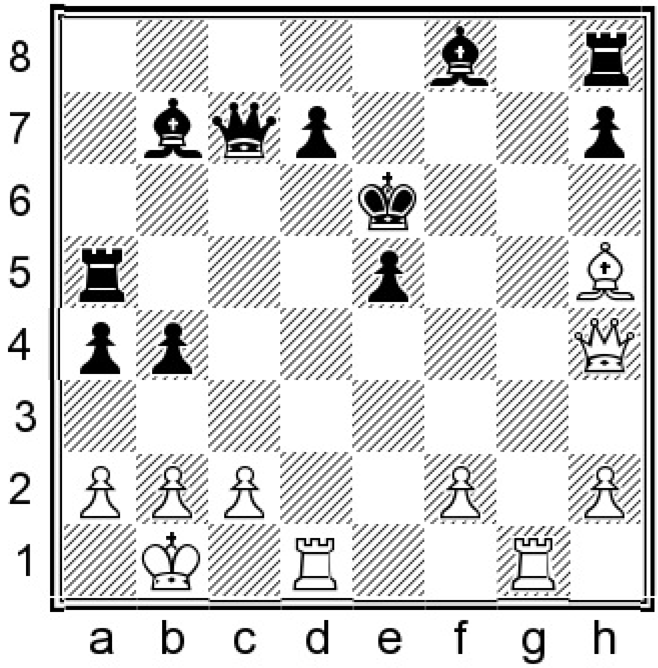
**17...♔f7**



**18.♗d3?!**

18.♗e2! developing and defending the knight, would be crushing. White is easily winning, for instance: 18...♗b7 (18...f5 19.♘xg7! ♗xg7 20.♗h5+ ♔f8 21.♕xb4+ d6 22.♗b6+-) 19.gxf6 gxf6

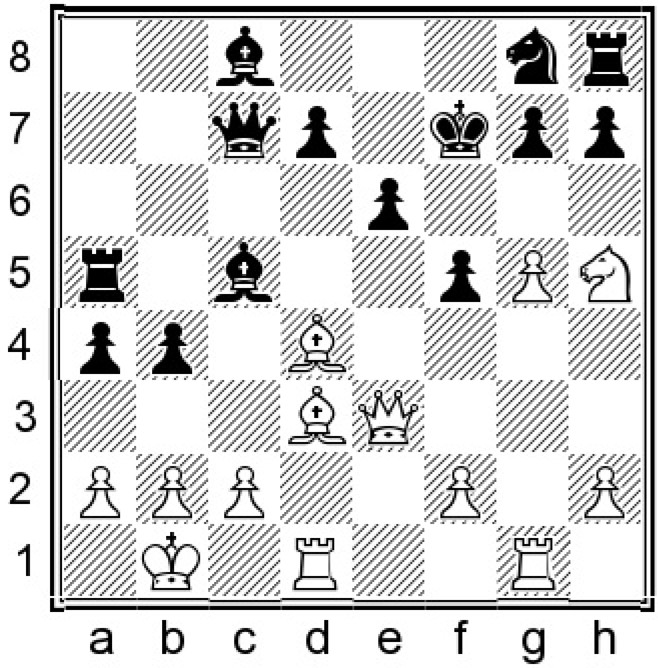
20.♘xf6! ♘xf6 21.♗xf6 ♔xf6 22.♕d4+ e5 23.♕h4+ ♔e6 24.♗g4+ ♔f7 25.♗h5+ ♔e6



26.♖g6+!! What a nice finish! 26...hxg6 27.♕g4+ ♔e7 28.♕g5+ ♔e6 29.♕xg6+ ♔e7 30.♕f7+ ♔d8 31.♕e8#

**18...f5** Suddenly things are not so clear anymore.

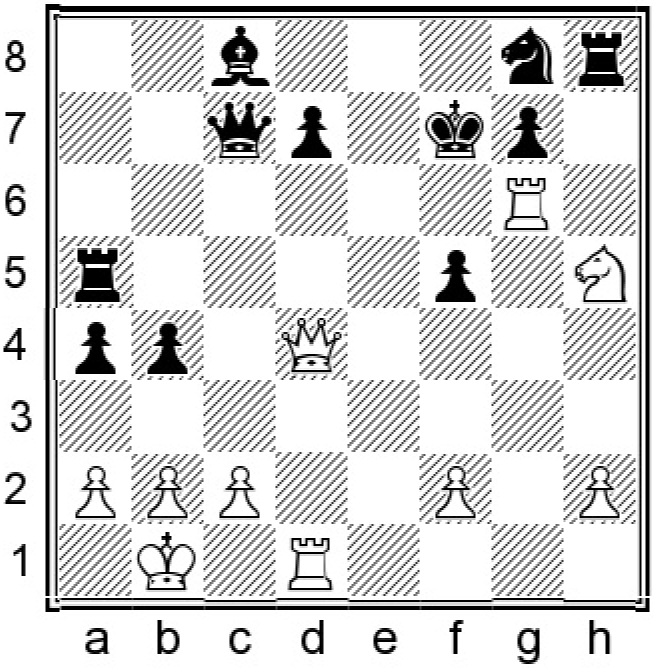
**19.♕e3 ♗c5**



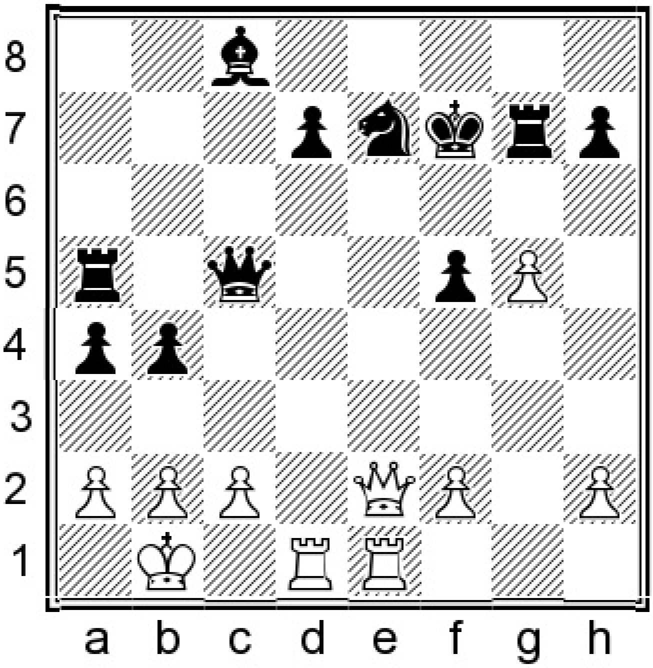
**20.♗xf5!?** Supi's favourite player is Leonid Stein. This is enough to say he is not afraid of sacrifices.

**20...♗xd4?** The fatal mistake. Black had to accept the sacrifice, close his eyes and hope for the best. Surprisingly, White has no killer blow after it.

20...exf5□ 21.♘xg7 (21.g6+!? This move was the one that scared Vescovi. 21...hxg6 22.♖xg6 ♗xd4! (22...♔xg6? 23.♕e8+ ♔h7 24.♖g1+-) 23.♕xd4



23...♕e5! (23...♔xg6? 24.♖g1+ (24.♕xg7+ ♔xh5 25.♖g1 ♕f4 26.♖g3 ♕xg3 27.♕xh8+ ♘h6 28.hxg3+-) 24...♔f7 (24...♔xh5 25.♕e3+-)) 24.♖xg7+ ♔e8 The position is scary, but Black survives. 25.♕d2 ♘e7 (25...♘f6 26.f4 ♘e4! 27.fxe5 ♘xd2+ 28.♖xd2 ♖xh5 29.♖g8+ ♔e7 30.♖xc8 ♖xe5 31.a3=) 26.♖e1 ♖xh5 27.♖xe5 ♖xe5∓) 21...♘e7 22.♖ge1 ♖g8 23.♕e2 ♕c6! the only way. (23...♖xg7? 24.♗xc5 ♕xc5



25.♖d5!! This hurts. 25...♔f8 26.♖xc5 ♖xc5 27.♕d2±) 24.♗f6 ♖xg7 25.♗xe7 ♕e6 26.♕h5+ ♕g6 27.♕e2 ♕e6= with a draw by repetition.

**21.♕xd4+-** Now it's game over.

**21...♕e5 22.g6+ ♔f8 23.♕b6 ♘f6 24.♘xf6 ♔e7 25.♕xb4+ 1-0**

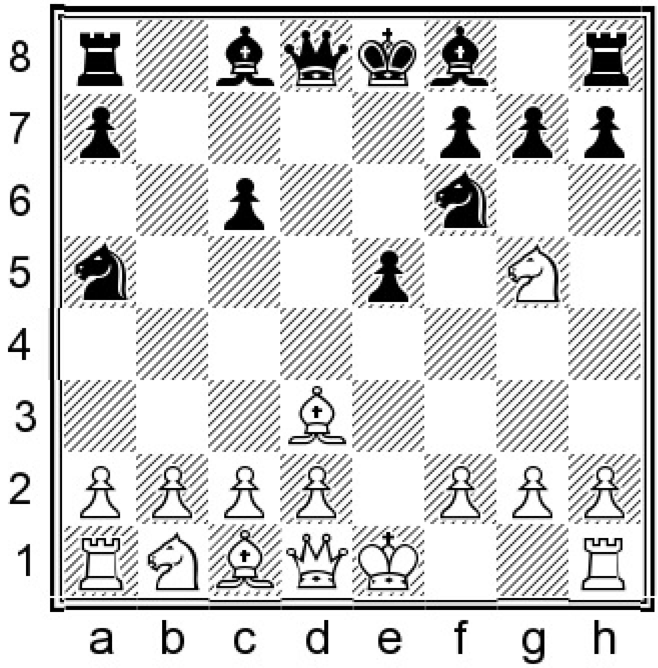
**C58**
**Fier, Alexandr (2583) - Leitao, Rafael (2592)**
**Sao Paulo, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4**

There were many discussions in the Italian during the tournament. I must admit I still don't know what is wrong with the Ruy Lopez.

**3...♘f6 4.♘g5 d5 5.exd5 ♘a5 6.♗b5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.♗d3**

Here I decided to play a somewhat weaker move as a surprise.

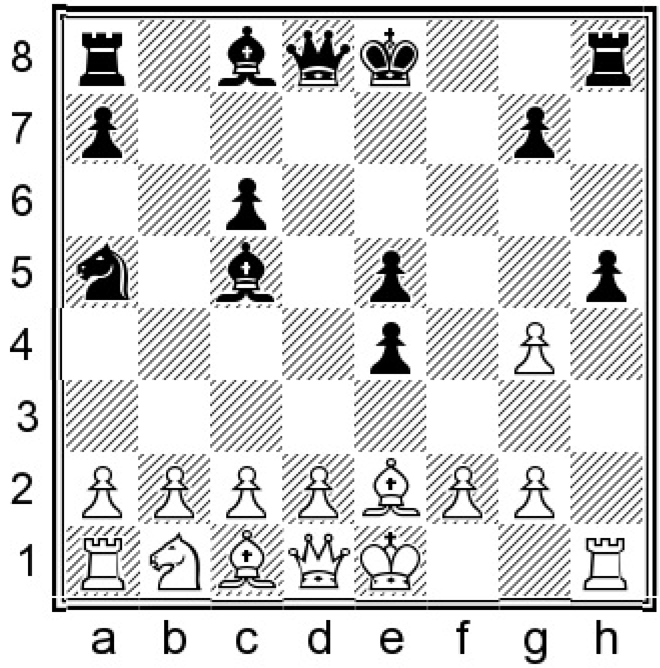


**8...♘g4?!** I don't think this move is as good as 8...Nd5, but I noticed during my preparations that the in the main line queens are exchanged. This is useful information against such an agressive player as Fier.

**9.♘e4!**

9.♘h3 This is also possible. 9...♗d6 10.♘c3 O-O 11.O-O e4 12.♘xe4 ♗xh2+ 13.♔h1 ♗c7∞ Black seems to have enough compensation.

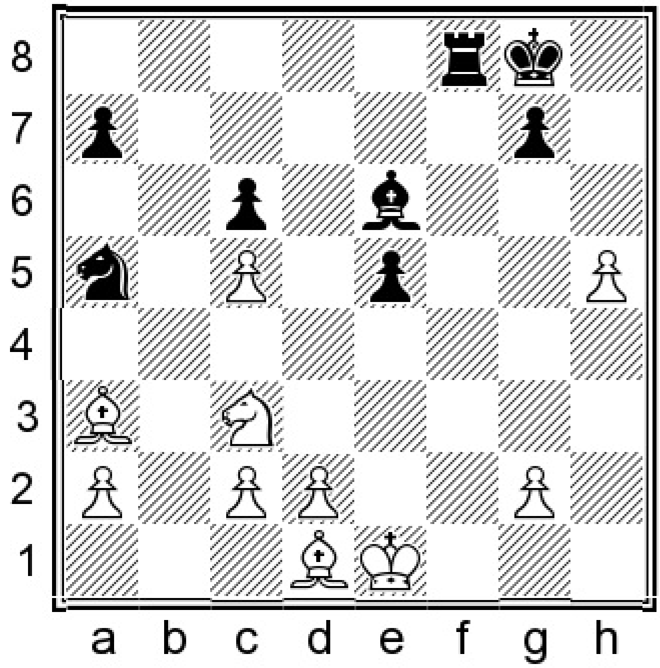
**9...f5 10.♗e2! h5 11.h3 fxe4 12.hxg4 ♗c5**



**13.b4!**

13.♘c3 The other option also leads to a queenless position. 13...♕d4 14.O-O O-O 15.♕e1 hxg4 16.d3 exd3 17.♗xd3 ♖xf2 18.♕xf2 ♕xf2+ 19.♖xf2 g3 20.♘e4 gxf2+ 21.♔f1 ♗b6= this position has been discussed in several correspondence games, with the usual results.

**13...♕d4 14.bxc5 O-O 15.O-O ♕xa1 16.♘c3 e3! 17.gxh5 exf2+ 18.♖xf2 ♖xf2 19.♔xf2 ♗e6 20.♗a3 ♕xd1 21.♗xd1 ♖f8+ 22.♔e1**



**22...g6!** I must admit I was following Sethuraman's course where he mentioned this as an important move. But during the game I was not feeling too confident in my position.

**23.d3** Now I was out of the book.

23.hxg6 ♔g7 this is what I expected.

**23...gxh5**

23...♔g7 was also possible.

**24.♗xh5 ♘b7** A logical move, after all a knight on the rim is dim.

24...♔g7 25.♗f3 Salati,Paolo - Pannullo, Umberto, corr 2017

**25.♗f3**

25.♗b2 ♗f5= (25...♘xc5? 26.♗a3 ♖f5 27.g4+-)

25.♗c1 ♔g7

**25...♘d8N**

RR25...♖c8 26.♘e4 ♗f5 27.♘d2 ♗e6 28.c4 ♗f5 29.♔e2 ♗g6 30.♔e3 ♔f7 31.g4 ♔f6 32.♗g2 ♖d8 33.♗f1 ♖b8 34.♗b4 a5 35.♗c3 ♘xc5 36.♘f3 ♘d7 37.g5+ ♔e6 38.♘h4 ♖g8 39.♗xa5 ♔d6 40.♗h3 c5 41.♗e1 ♗h5=

**26.♗c1**

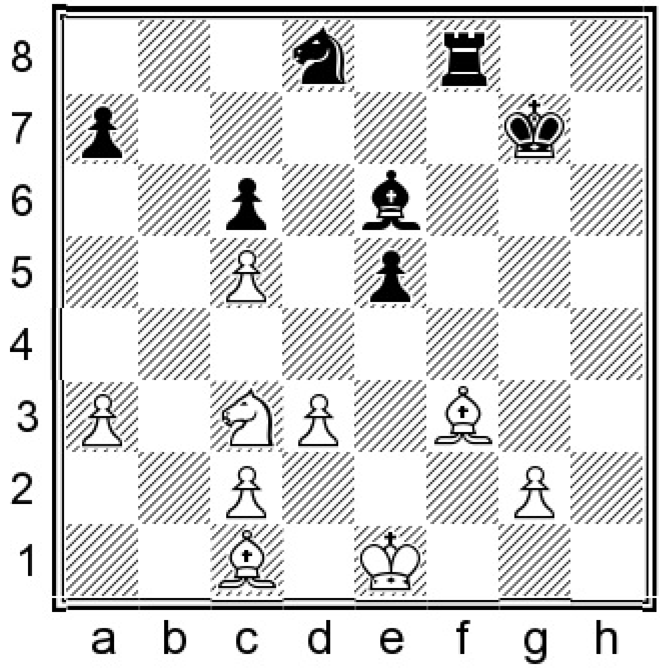
26.♗b2 is more precise. 26...♗f5 27.♘e2 ♖e8 28.♘g3 ♗g6 29.♔d2 and White can fight for the advantage.

**26...♔g7**

26...♔f7 was another plan, bringing the king to d7.

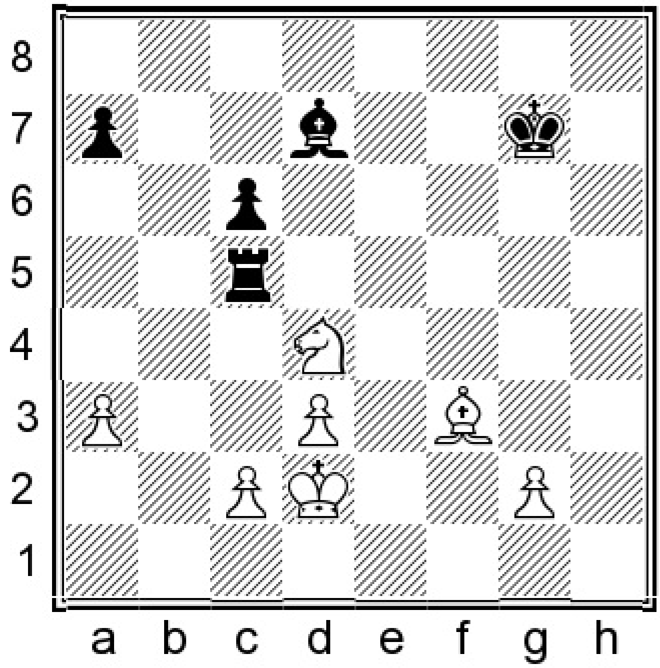
**27.a3?!** This is too slow and now I have the chance to improve my knight.

27.♗e3



**27...♗d7!** Now my knight goes to e6 and Black's problems are solved. **28.♘e2**

28.♗e3 could lead to a nice drawing line. 28...♘e6 29.♔d2 ♘d4 30.♗xd4 exd4 31.♘e2 ♖f5 32.♘xd4 ♖xc5



33.♗xc6! ♖xc6 34.♘xc6 ♗xc6 35.g3=

**28...♘e6 29.♗b2 ♔f6 30.♔d2?!** It was time for White to force a draw.

30.d4 exd4 31.♘xd4 ♘xd4 32.♗xd4+=

**30...♘g5!**

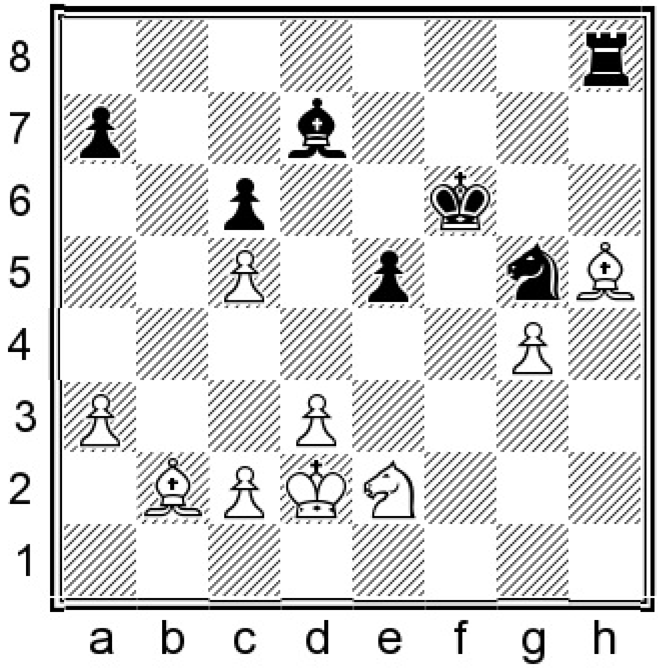
30...♘xc5!? 31.d4 ♘a4 32.dxe5+ ♔e6 33.♗a1 c5 34.♘c3∓

**31.♗h5**

31.♔e3!

**31...♖h8 32.g4?!**

32.♗f3



**32...♗e8!** Now Black is clearly better. Unfortunately my lack of practice, time and confidence hindered my fighting mood.

**33.♘g3**

33.♘d4!? ♗xh5 34.gxh5 ♖b8 35.♘b3 ♔e6∓

**33...♗xh5 34.gxh5**

34.♘xh5+ ♔e6 35.♘g7+ ♔d5-+

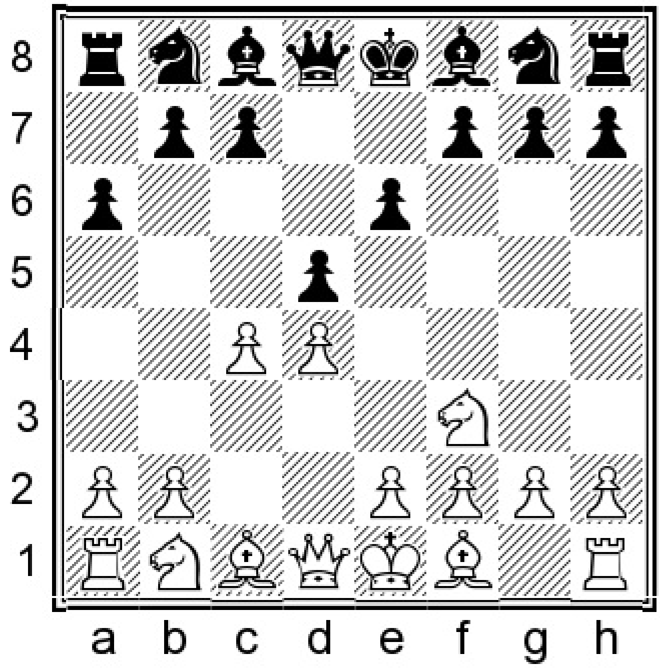
**34...♔e6 35.♔e3 ♖f8 36.♔e2 ♘h3 37.♔e3 ♘g5**

37...♘f2! I missed this move which wins on the spot. 38.♗c1 ♘g4+ 39.♔d2 ♖f2+ 40.♔c3 ♖h2-+ The h5-pawn will fall and Black is winning.

**38.♔e2 ♘h3 39.♔e3 ♘g5 1/2-1/2**

**D30**
**Leitao, Rafael (2592) - Supi, Luis Paulo (2581)**
**Sao Paulo, 2022**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 a6** A surprise. I was expecting Supi's favourite King's Indian.



**4.c5!?** The classical retired mentality - "let me try something weird and get out of the normal lines as soon as possible". As I considered the alternatives I came to the conclusion that playing this move was forced.

4.♘c3 dxc4 No way I will sacrifice a pawn without preparation;

4.cxd5 exd5 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♗g5 ♗e6 I tried this once and got nothing. This is as boring as it gets;

4.g3 I have played the Catalan with White only once in my life;

4.e3 Not with my bishop on c1.

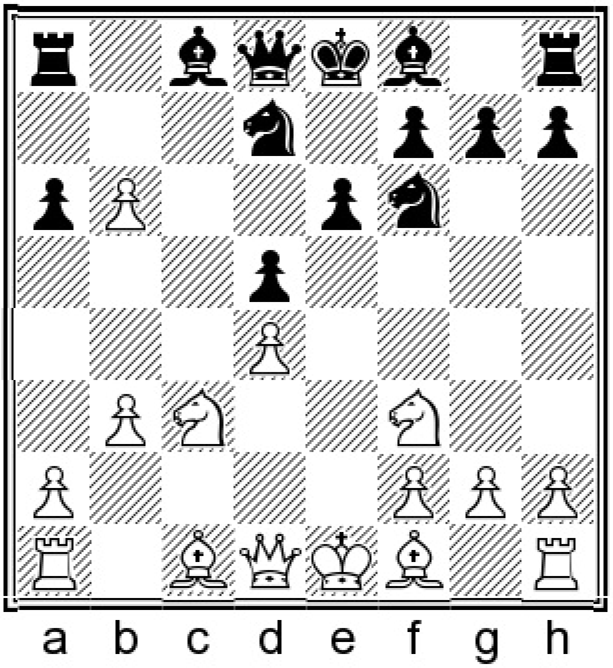
**4...b6 5.cxb6 c5!**

5...cxb6 6.♗f4± is slightly better for White since Black is a little passive.

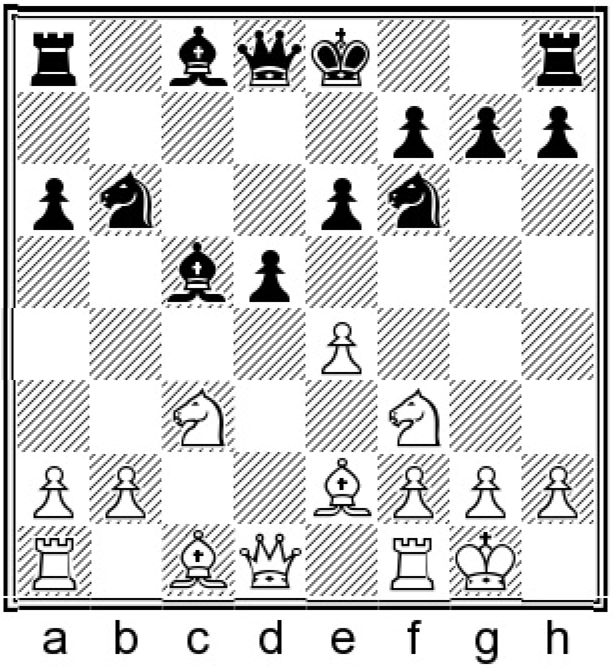
**6.e3 ♘f6 7.♘c3 cxd4?!** This is slightly innacurate.

7...♕xb6 8.♘a4;

7...♘bd7! Is the best path to equaility. Black prepares to capture b6 with the knight and is not in a hurry to free the c1-bishop. 8.♗e2 (8.b3 cxd4 9.exd4



9...♘e4! A new move. (9...♕xb6 10.♗d3 ♗d6 11.O-O O-O 12.♘a4 ♕b8 13.♗b2± was slightly better for White in Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi 2726 - Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2782, chess24.com (Internet-rapid) 2021) 10.♗b2 ♗b4 11.♖c1 ♕xb6 12.♗d3 ♕a5! 13.♗xe4 dxe4 14.♘d2 ♗b7 15.O-O ♕f5 16.♕e2 ♘f6= with an equal position.) 8...♘xb6 (8...♕xb6 9.O-O ♗d6 is also possible. 10.♗d2 O-O 11.♘a4 ♕b8 12.♖c1 cxd4 13.exd4 a5=) 9.O-O ♗d6 10.dxc5 ♗xc5 11.e4!?

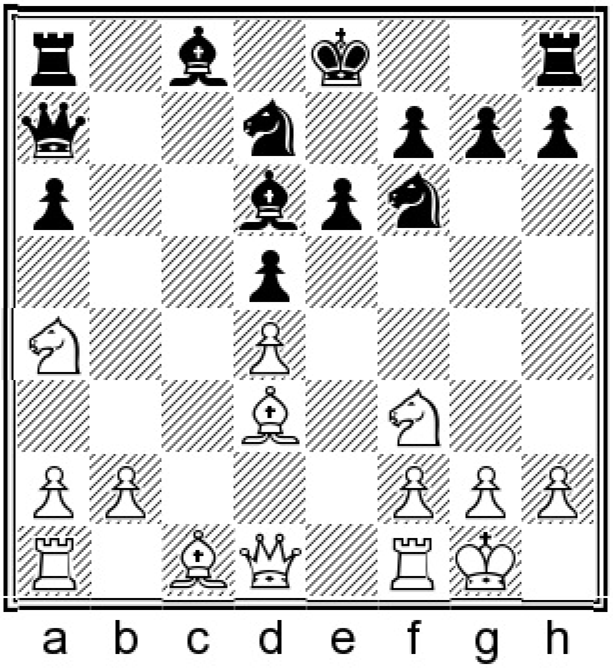


(11.b3 was played in Ernst,Sipke 2480 - Grandelius,Nils 2651, Riga (blitz) 2021, but Black is fine.) 11...dxe4! (11...O-O 12.e5 ♘fd7 13.♗g5±) 12.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 13.♘g5 ♔e7 14.♘gxe4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 ♗d4 Now say hello to my "Fish" and his analysis. 16.♖d1 (16.♗d2 ♘d5=) 16...♖d8 17.♗d2 a5 18.♖ac1 ♗xb2 19.♖b1 ♘a4 20.♗b5 ♗d7 21.♗g5+ f6 22.♖xd7+ ♖xd7 23.♗e3 ♘c3 24.♘xc3 ♗xc3 25.♗xd7 ♔xd7 26.♖b7+ ♔d6 27.♖xg7 ♖h8= and after this "obvious" line the game will end in a draw.

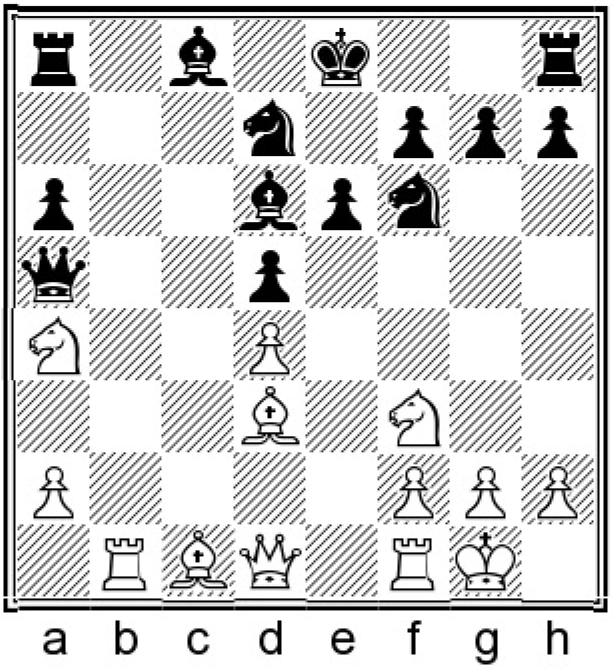
**8.exd4 ♕xb6 9.♗d3 ♘bd7 10.O-O ♗d6 11.♘a4±**

The position is already unpleasant for Black. This might surprise some, after all isn't it supposed to be better to have less "pawn islands"? The problem is that White will land a knight on c5 at some point.

**11...♕a7?!**



11...♕b8 During the game I thought this was better. But White can keep the initiative. 12.b4!? ♕xb4 (12...O-O 13.♖b1± Followed by Nc5 with some pressure.) 13.♖b1 ♕a5



14.♘e5! ♘xe5 (14...O-O 15.♗f4±) 15.dxe5 ♗xe5 16.♘b6 ♖b8 17.♕c2 O-O 18.♗d2 ♕xb6 19.♖xb6

♖xb6 20.♖e1 The position is not wasy to evaluate because Black is doing well in material terms, but White is clearly better due to the activity of his pieces.

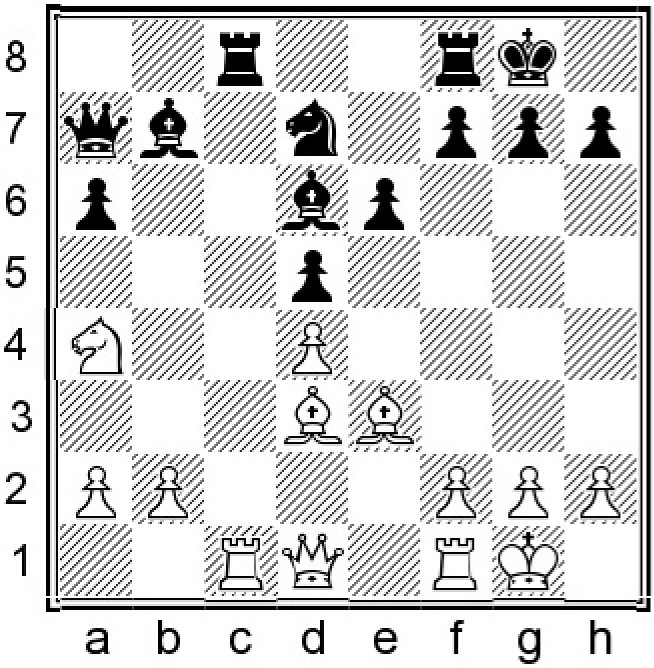
**12.♗e3!±** I was really happy with this move, creating an x-ray and preparing Ne5. Happiness is made of small things.

**12...O-O**

12...♘g4 13.♗d2±

**13.♘e5 ♗b7 14.♖c1 ♖ac8 15.♕e2?!** Missing a big chance to increase the advantage.

15.♘xd7! ♘xd7



16.♘c5! I finally managed to land the knight on c5. Black is in trouble. 16...♗xc5 (16...♘xc5? 17.dxc5 ♗xc5 18.♖xc5! ♖xc5 19.b4+-; 16...♖c7 17.b4±) 17.dxc5 ♗c6 18.f4± With the bishop's pair and such an attractive pawn structure, White is much better.

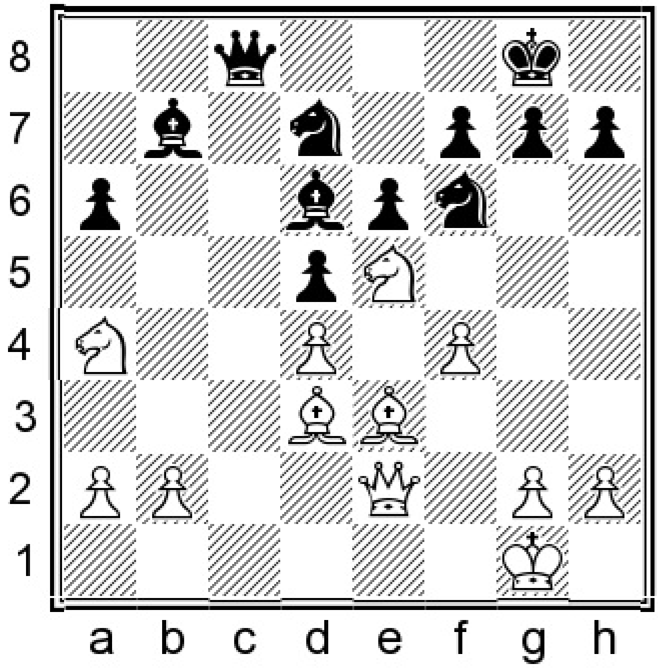
**15...♕b8**

15...♖xc1 16.♖xc1 ♖c8±

**16.f4 ♖xc1 17.♖xc1 ♖c8 18.♖xc8+**

18.♗xa6?? Of course, this can't be played. 18...♖xc1+ 19.♗xc1 ♕c8-+

**18...♕xc8**



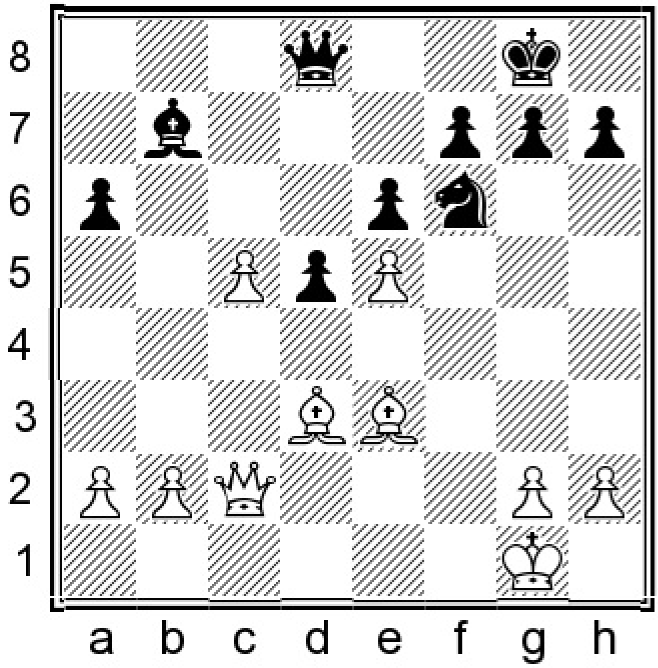
**19.♕c2!** Another move that made me quite happy. Now I expected the queen exchange and thought I would be pressing for free in the endgame. The move played in the game came as a surprise.

**19...♕d8!?**

19...♕xc2 20.♗xc2 ♘b8 21.♘c5 ♗c8 22.b4±

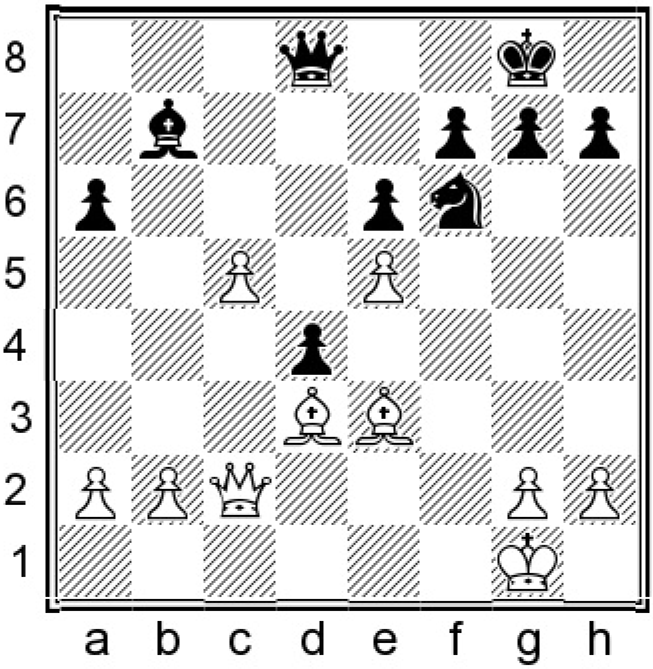
**20.♘c5** Maybe I should have been more patient, but I just couldn't resist this move.

**20...♗xc5 21.dxc5 ♘xe5 22.fxe5**



**22...d4?** This is losing.

22...♘g4! After this move anything could happen. 23.♗d4 ♕g5! Attacking the e5-pawn and preparing Qf4. (23...♕h4? 24.g3) 24.c6 ♗c8 I analysed until here and thought I would find some move if the position arises. Not the best well to calculate, even for a retired player. (24...♕f4? 25.cxb7 ♕xd4+ 26.♔h1 ♘f2+ 27.♕xf2+-) 25.♕c3 f6! Black has to be fast. 26.exf6 e5! 27.♗a7 gxf6 28.h3 ♘h6± The position is slightly better for White but Black is active.



**23.c6!** This is a winning move.

**23...♗c8**

23...dxe3 24.cxb7+-;

23...♗xc6 24.♕xc6 (24.♗c1+-) 24...dxe3 25.exf6 gxf6 26.♕xa6+-

**24.♗g5 ♕a5 25.♕e2?!**

25.exf6? ♕xg5=;

25.♗xf6! was the simplest path to victory. 25...gxf6 26.exf6 ♕e1+ 27.♗f1+- My king is safe and Qf2 is coming. 27...♕e5 28.♕f2 ♔f8 29.♗d3 ♕d6 30.♕g3+-

**25...♘d5 26.♕e4 g6 27.♕xd4 ♕e1+**

27...♕xa2 28.♗h6!+-

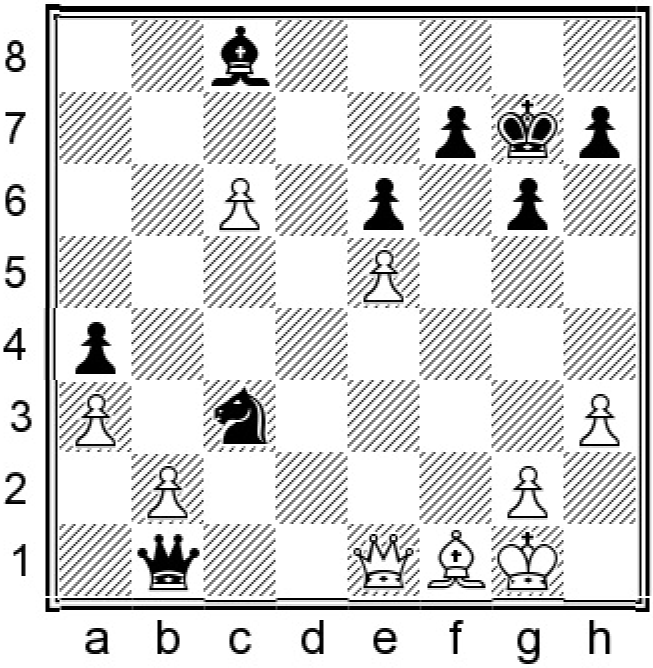
**28.♗f1 a5 29.♗d2 ♕d1 30.♗c3?!**

30.♔f2!+- Preparing Bc4 and White has a simple win. 30...♕c2 31.♗c4 ♕f5+ 32.♔g3

**30...♕c1 31.♕d2 ♕b1 32.a3 a4 33.h3 ♔g7 34.♕f2 ♕c1 35.♕d2 ♕b1 36.♕e1 ♘xc3⊕**

We were both down to less than a minute now. I thought I had squandered my advantage at this point, but actually I could still win. The move is not very easy, though, especially if you are low on time.

36...♕c2 37.♗c4+-



**37.♕xc3?⊕**

37.♕xb1!! Instead of capturing the knight I should accept the endgame a piece down. Ok, this description was a little dramatic. White also has some trumps. 37...♘xb1 38.♔f2 ♘d2 (38...f6 39.♔e3 fxe5 40.♗d3 ♘xa3 41.bxa3+-) 39.♗b5 The a4-pawn falls and the passed pawns will be too much for Black's pieces. 39...♘e4+ 40.♔e3 ♘g3 41.♗xa4+-

**37...♗a6** Now it really is a forced draw.

**38.♕f3 ♕c1 39.♕f6+ ♔g8 40.♕d8+ ♔g7 41.♕f6+ ♔g8 42.c7 ♕xc7! 43.♗xa6 ♕b6+ 44.♔h2 ♕xa6 45.♕d8+ ♔g7 46.♕f6+ ♔g8 47.♕d8+ ♔g7 1/2-1/2**

**E92**
**Vescovi, Giovanni (2606) - Supi, Luis Paulo (2581)**
**Sao Paulo, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.d5**

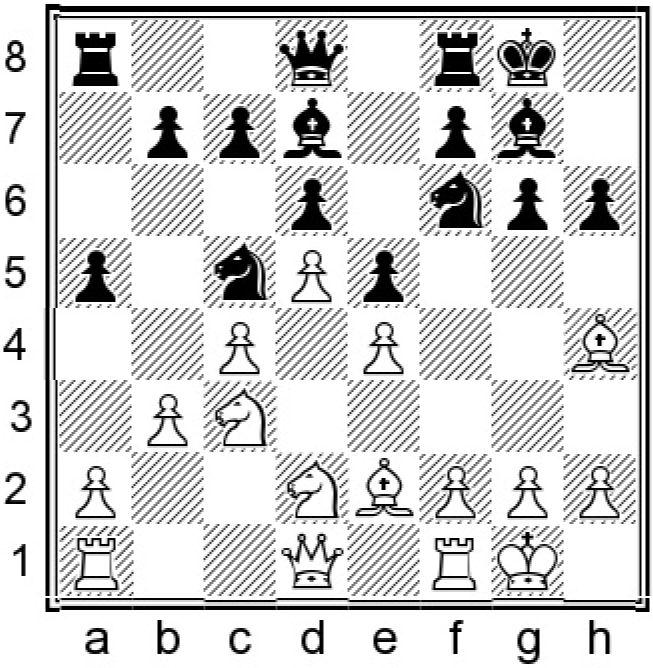
I remember losing to Giovanni in this variation as Black in 1997, when he used some handwritten analysis to achieve the advantage in the opening. I wonder whether he updated this...

**7...a5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 ♘a6 10.♘d2 ♗d7 11.O-O ♘c5!?** Supi is always up to date in the modern opening trends.

11...♕e8 is the most common move.

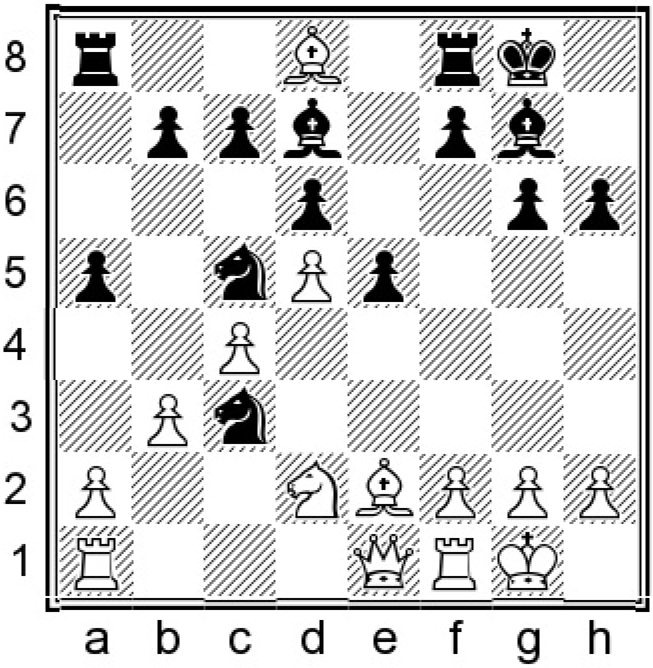
**12.b3?!** This is asking for trouble.

12.♕c2; 12.f3



**12...♘fxe4!** A well known sacrifice played by Kasparov, Grischuk and Firouzja among others.

**13.♗xd8 ♘xc3 14.♕e1**



14.♗xc7? This does not work since the bishop is trapped after 14...♘xd1 15.♖axd1 ♖a6-+

**14...♖axd8!**

14...♖fxd8 was played by Kasparov in a blitz game against Kramnik, but the rook is more useful on f8, supporting the kingside. 15.♘b1 (15.♖c1? ♘xa2-+ Kramnik,Vladimir 2710 - Kasparov, Garry

2815, Muenchen (blitz) 1994) 15...♘xe2+ 16.♕xe2 e4⩱

**15.♘b1**

15.♖c1 e4∓ Belous,Vladimir 2524 - Grischuk,Alexander 2777, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020

**15...♘xe2+ 16.♕xe2 e4 17.♘d2?!**

17.♘a3! This new move would be the best chance, but I don't like White's position. 17...f5 I would rather play with the dark-squared bishop, also known as "Gufeld's son". (17...♗xa1 To take or not to take? That is the question. 18.♖xa1 f5 19.f4∞) 18.♖ae1 ♖de8 19.♘b5 ♗xb5 20.cxb5 b6 21.♕c2∞ I prefer Black, but having an extra queen helps White.

**17...♖de8 18.♕e3?!N**

18.♖ae1 f5 19.f4 ♗d4+∓ and Black had the advantage in Mchedlishvili,Mikheil 2604 - Firouzja,Alireza 2481, Guilan 2016;

18.a3

**18...f5** Now Black has a big advantage.

**19.f4 exf3 20.♕xf3 ♗d4+ 21.♔h1 ♗xa1 22.♖xa1 f4 23.♕c3 b6 24.♖f1 g5 25.a3 ♖e3 26.♕b2**

26.♕d4

**26...♗f5 27.b4 ♘d3 28.♕a1 g4-+** With natural moves Black increased the pressure and is about to finish the game.

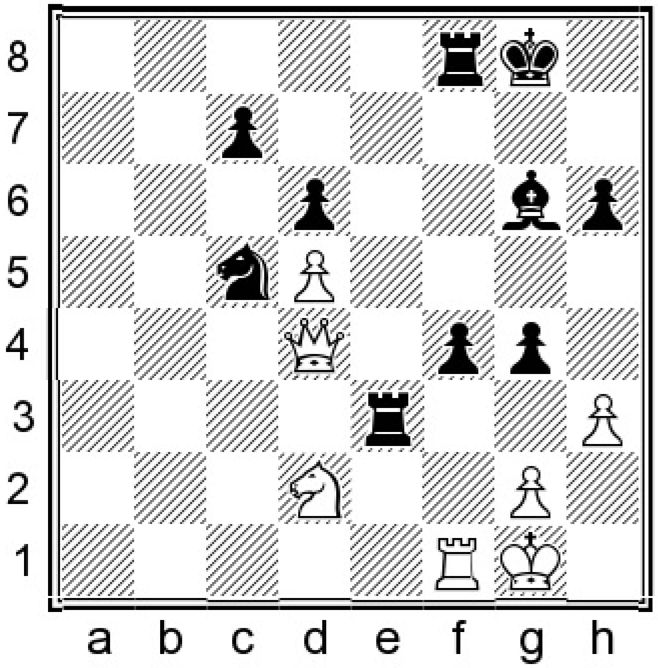
**29.c5** Trying to get some counterplay.

**29...♖e2 30.♕c3 axb4 31.axb4 ♖e3**

31...b5 was probably the simplest. White is totally paralyzed. 32.♔g1 Now Black can slowly improve the position, for instance: 32...♖f7 33.cxd6 cxd6 34.♔h1 ♔h7 35.♔g1 h5 36.♔h1 h4 37.♔g1 h3-+ winning.

**32.♔g1 bxc5 33.bxc5 ♘xc5 34.♕d4 ♗g6 35.h3** Now Supi had to find a very precise move to clinch the game.

35.♖xf4? ♖e1+ 36.♘f1 ♖xf4 37.♕xf4 ♗d3-+



**35...♖d3?**

35...g3!! wins since after 36.♖xf4 ♖e1+ 37.♘f1 (37.♖f1 ♖fxf1+ 38.♘xf1 ♗d3 39.♕g4+ ♔h7 40.♕xg3 ♖xf1+ 41.♔h2 ♗e4-+) 37...♗d3! Surprisingly White runs out of checks. 38.♖g4+ (38.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 39.♕f4+ ♔e8 40.♕xg3 ♖xf1+ 41.♔h2 ♔f7-+) 38...♔f7 39.♖xg3 ♖xf1+ 40.♔h2 ♗g6 with a winning material advantage.

**36.♕b4=** Now White saves the game.

**36...gxh3 37.♖xf4 ♖xf4 38.♕xf4 hxg2 39.♕xh6 ♗f7 40.♕g5+ ♔f8 41.♕d8+ ♔g7 42.♕g5+ ♔f8 43.♕d8+ ♔g7 44.♕g5+ ♔f8 1/2-1/2**

**C54**
**Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag (2562) - Milos, Gilberto (2575)**
**Sao Paulo, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4** Another duel in the Italian.

**3...♗c5 4.d3 ♘f6 5.O-O d6 6.c3 a6**

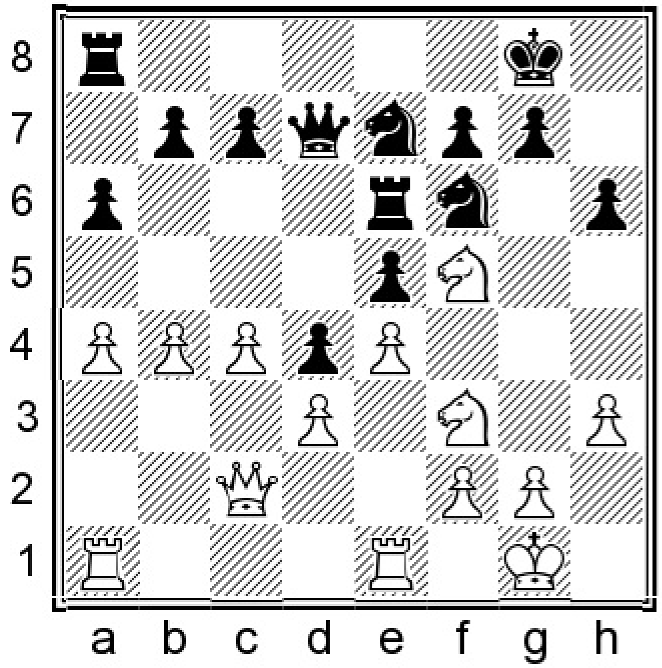
Many players nowadays prefer to play with 6...a5 and I think this is what I will try next time.

**7.a4 ♗a7 8.♘bd2 O-O 9.h3 h6 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.b4 ♗e6 12.♗xe6 ♖xe6** All sensible moves but now White has a choice.

**13.♗b2**

13.♕c2 This is what Krikor played against me in the previous round. 13...♕d7 14.♘f1 ♘e7 15.♗e3 ♗xe3 16.♘xe3 d5 and now it is not clear if White can get an advantage. 17.exd5 (17.a5 ♘g6 18.g3 ♖d8 19.♔g2 ♕c6 20.♘f5 ♘e7 21.♘xe7+ ♖xe7= was close to equal in Ding,Liren 2791 - Carlsen,Magnus 2863, chess24.com (Internet-m/2-rapid) 2020; 17.♖ab1 ♖d8 18.a5 ♘g6 19.c4 c6

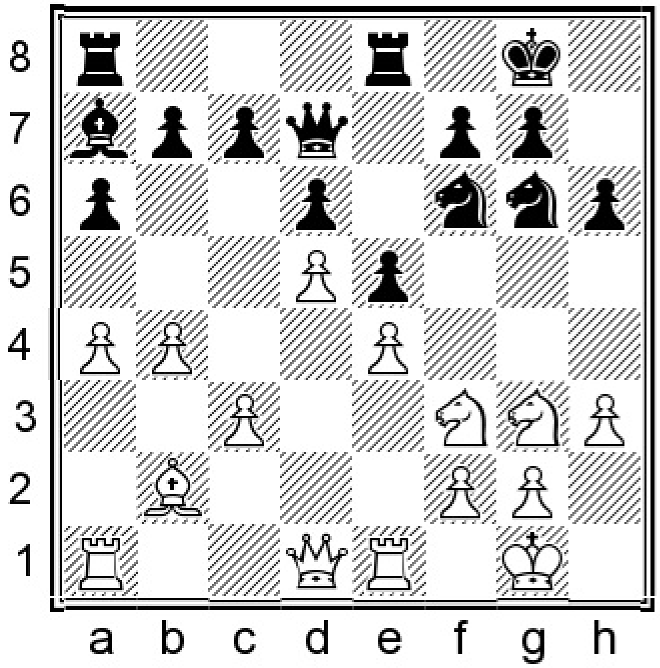
20.g3 and maybe White has a slight advantage. (20.♖ed1?! ♘f4⇄ Esipenko, Andrey 2716 - Carlsen,Magnus 2847, Krasnaya Polyana (m/8-blitz) 2021); 17.c4 d4 18.♘f5



18...a5! 19.b5 c5= and Black has no problems, So, Wesley 2770 - Carlsen,Magnus 2847, chess24.com (Internet-m1/2-rapid) 2021) 17...♘fxd5 18.♘c4 (18.♘xd5 ♕xd5 19.d4 exd4 20.♘xd4 ♖xe1+ 21.♖xe1 ♘c6=) 18...f6= Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag 2562 - Leitao,Rafael 2592, Sao Paulo 2022

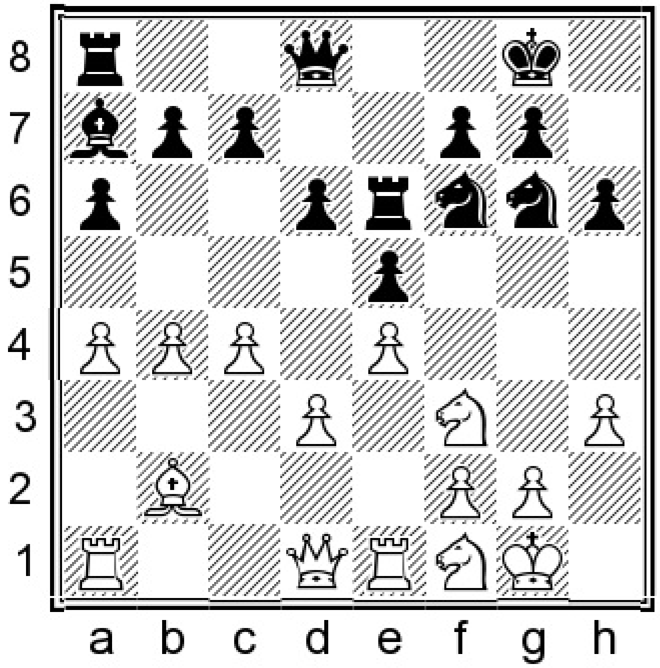
**13...♘e7 14.♘f1 ♘g6**

14...♘h5!? This is also a good move. In general If I see that Ivanchuk has played a move in the opening, I am willing to repeat it. 15.d4 (15.♘e3 ♘f4= Demchenko,Anton 2655 - L'Ami,Erwin 2619, Douglas 2019) 15...♘g6 16.♘e3 ♘f6 17.d5 ♖e8 18.♘f5 ♕d7 19.♕c2 (19.♘g3?



19...b5! 20.♕c2 c6∓ and Black was better in Pichot,Alan 2630 - Ivanchuk,Vassily 2678, chess24.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 19...c6=

**15.c4** This is White's plan: he avoids the break d5 and prepares to play d4 at some point. Black should not sit and wait.



**15...♖e8?!** Too slow. The rook could be useful on the kingside still.

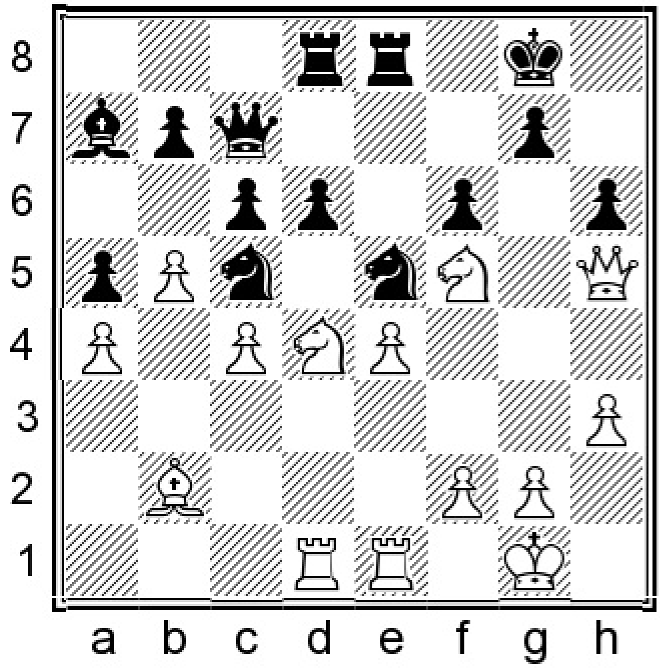
15...♘h7! This is the right move and it gives Black good chances to equalize. 16.♘g3 ♘g5 17.♘h2 ♘f4 18.d4 was played in Karjakin - Amin, but now the Egyptian GM maybe could have played 18...♖g6 and Black's position looks quite good. (18...a5∞ Karjakin,Sergey 2743 - Amin,Bassem 2680, Warszawa (rapid) 2021)

**16.♘g3 c6 17.d4±** Now White's position is very comfortable.

**17...♕c7 18.♕b3**

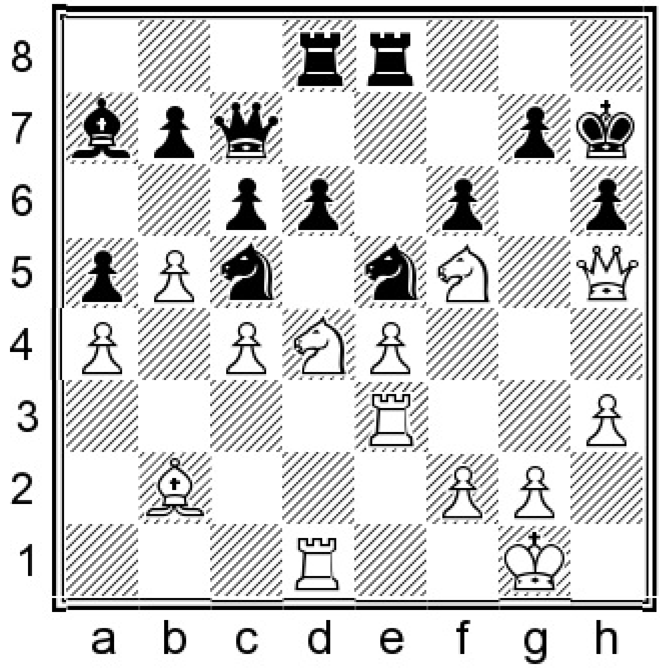
18.a5±; 18.c5±

**18...a5 19.b5 ♘d7 20.♘f5 ♖ad8 21.♖ad1 exd4 22.♘3xd4 ♘c5 23.♕f3 f6 24.♕h5 ♘e5**



**25.♖e3!** The rook joins the attack and it's over.

**25...♔h7** Now White is ready for the final blow.



**26.♘xh6! gxh6 27.♘f5 ♘f7 28.♗xf6 ♖c8 29.♖xd6**

29.♖g3 ♖g8 30.♗g7+- would be faster.

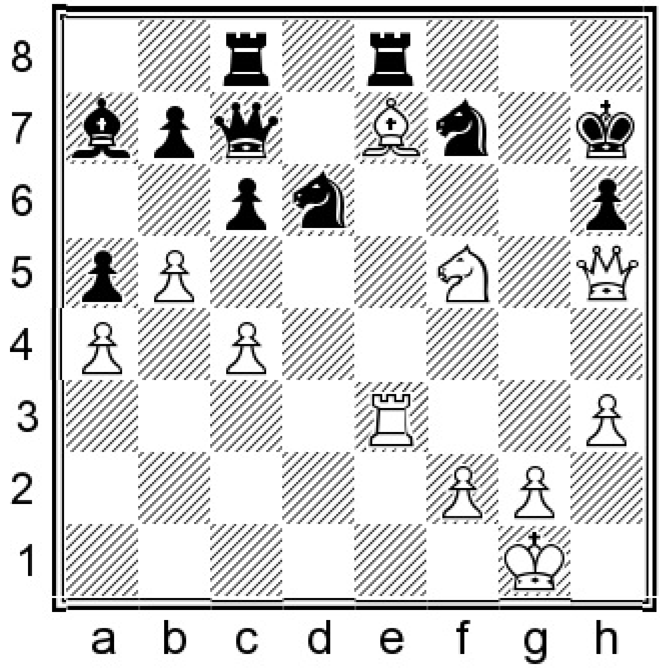
**29...♘xe4**

29...♘xd6 30.♕xh6+ (30.♖g3+-) 30...♔g8 31.♕h8+ ♔f7 32.♕g7+ ♔e6 33.♘d4#

**30.♗e7**

30.♘e7 ♖xe7 31.♕f5+ ♔g8 32.♕g6+ ♔f8 33.♕g7+ ♔e8 34.♕g8#

**30...♘exd6**



**31.♖e6!** A really nice finish!

**31...♗xf2+ 32.♔h1 ♘xf5 33.♕g6+ ♔h8 34.♗f6+ 1-0**

In the end White prevailed in the Italian debate with 3/4. Let's wait until Aronian shows us how to play with the black pieces.

I hope this event becomes a tradition. The organizers already have plans for a "revenge" match. Next time maybe the score will be tighter. But for now we all need to celebrate this inaugural event even though it cost me dearly. I made a draw in all my 6 games and now I have to survive the jokes that will only cease when I win a game again.

C67 RUY LÓPEZ

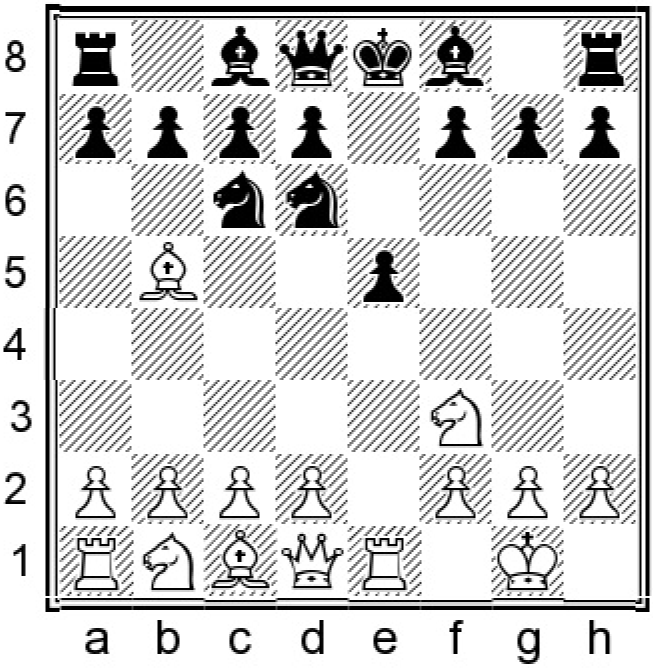
Berlin Defence

By GM Mikhail Golubev

# THE BERLIN RUY LÓPEZ [C67]

## A Tricky Idea Against The Berlin

After **1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6**



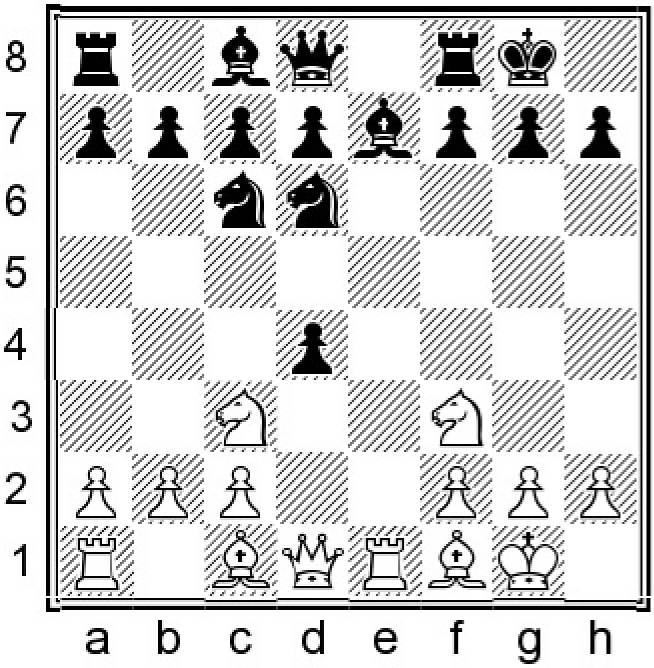
where the main, normal White's move is the capture on e5.

Instead, **6.♗f1** is an option, which is seldom seldom.

And even when it is utilised, after **6...♗e7** White usually takes on e5 anyway, transposing to the main direction (where Black, if he knows what he is doing, does not have much to worry about).

There is, however, a curious sideline for White, **7.♘c3!?**, which was tried by Caruana,Fabiano against So,Wesley in the 2020 Internet rapid game. As I understood Caruana's concept, the point is **7...O-O 8.d4 exd4?!**

8...e4; 8...♘xd4



**9.♘d5!** Where White gets more than enough for two pawns.

Later on this variation occurred in a number of my Internet games.

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Black should avoid this, and he can do it in several ways. 8...e4! (instead of 8...ed4) is only a little bit better for White.

**Golubev,Mikhail - Csonka,Balasz**

Even cleaner is 7...Nf5!?, played by So in the aforementioned top level game. If Black is looking for the clarity and equality, this recipe should be recommended.

**Caruana,Fabiano - So,Wesley**

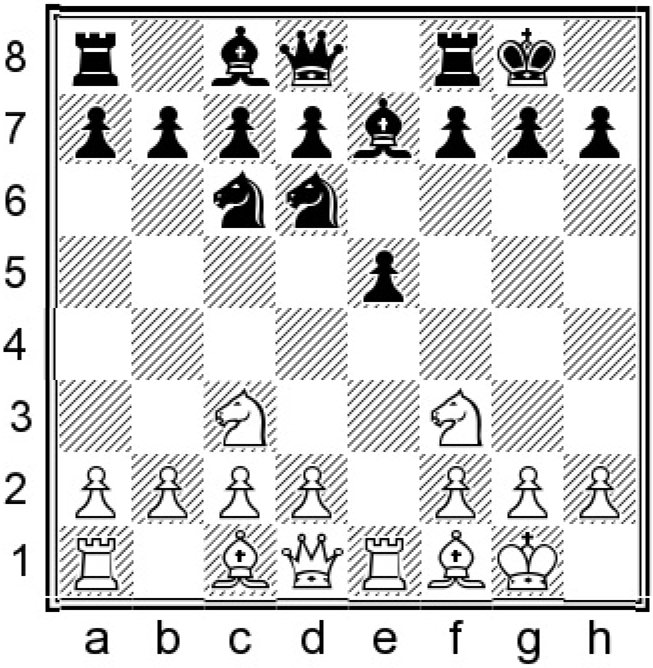
Black also can protect the e5 pawn by ...f6 followed by ...Nf7. These lines lead to the very complicated play with chances for both sides.

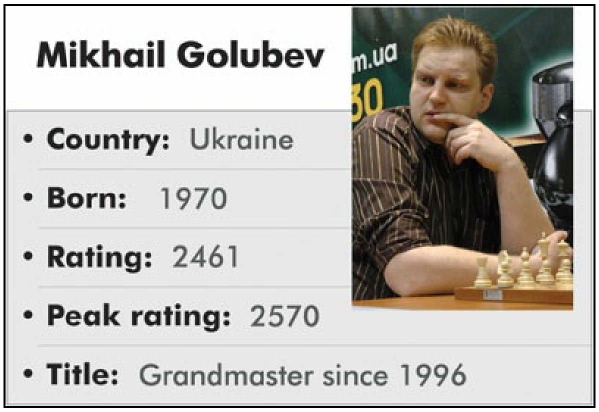
7...f6!? line is examined in detail in Mamedov,Rauf - Antipov,Mikhail Al, an interesting game, brilliantly won by White but not because Black's 7th move was bad.

And there is also an immediate 6...f6!?, as played in two email games: Herfurth,Thomas - Perevertkin,Vladimir and Pessoa,Francisco Azevedo - Lounek,Jan.

**C67**
**Golubev, Mikhail (2461) - Kaminski, Victor (2247)**
**chess.com (Internet-blitz), 2020**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♗f1 ♗e7 7.♘c3 O-O**





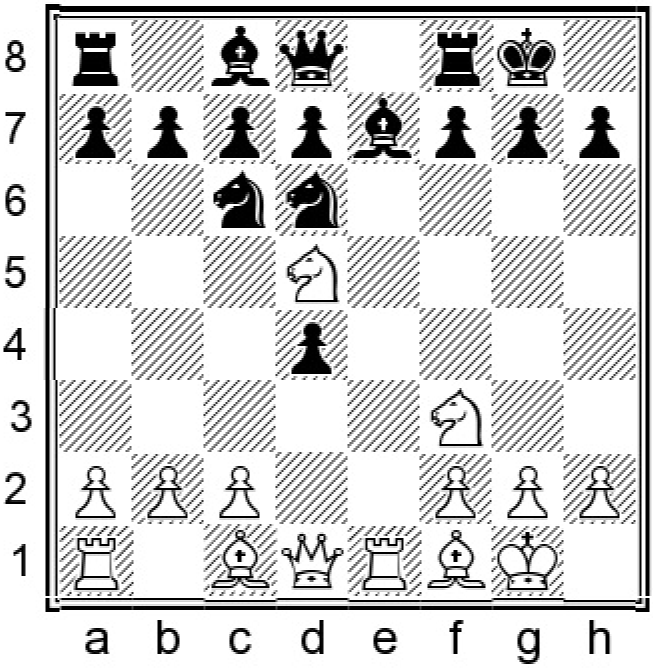
**Mikhail Golubev**

- **Country:** Ukraine
- **Born:** 1970
- **Rating:** 2461
- **Peak rating:** 2570
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1996

**8.d4! exd4?!**

8...♘xd4? 9.♘xd4! exd4 10.♘d5± Golubev,Mikhail 2461 - Belyakov,Bogdan 2448, lichess.org (Internet-blitz) 2021; 8...e4; 8...f6

**9.♘d5!**



**9...♖e8!**

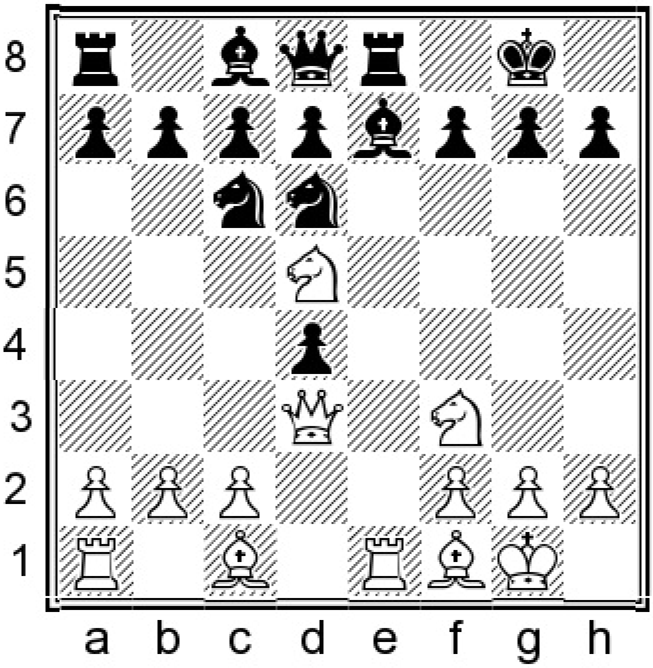
9...♘f5? 10.g4!;

9...♗f6?! 10.♗f4!? h6 (10...♘e8 11.♖xe8 ♕xe8 12.♘xc7±) 11.♕d2 b6 12.♗d3! (12.♗xh6? gxh6 13.♕xh6 ♗g7 14.♕h5 (Golubev,Mikhail 2461 - Yaniuk, Valentin 2353, lichess.org (Internet-blitz)

2021) 14...♗b7∞) 12...♗b7 13.♗xh6 ♘e5 14.♘xe5 ♗xd5 15.♘g4±

**10.♗f4!**

10.♕d3!?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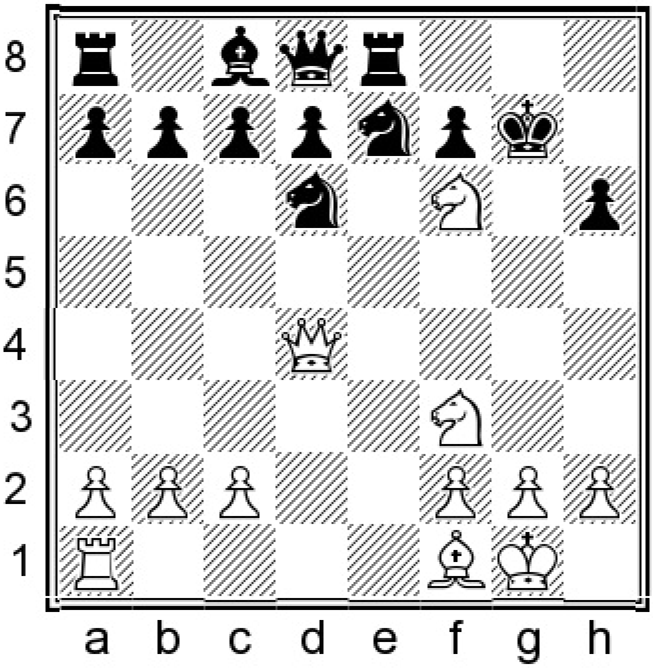
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14...♖g8!! Possibly Black can hold.) 11...b6 12.♘xe7+!? ♖xe7 13.♖xe7 ♕xe7 14.♖e1 ♕f8 15.♗xd6 cxd6 is slightly better for White.)

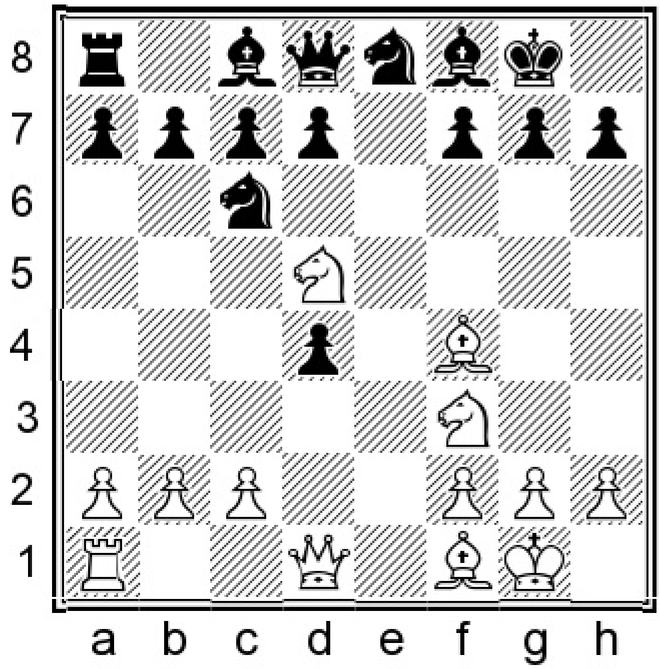
**10...♗f8?**

10...h6? 11.♘xd4 ♗f8 12.♘xc7 ♖xe1 13.♕xe1 ♕xc7 (13...♘xd4 14.♘xa8 ♘xc2 15.♕d1 ♘xa1 16.♗xd6 ♗xd6 17.♕xd6 ♘c2±) 14.♘f5!±;

10...b6□ 11.♘xd4!? ♘xd4 12.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 13.♕xd4 ♗b7 14.♗xd6 cxd6 15.♕xd6 ♖e6 16.♖xe6!? dxe6 17.♖d1 ♕xd6 18.♖xd6±

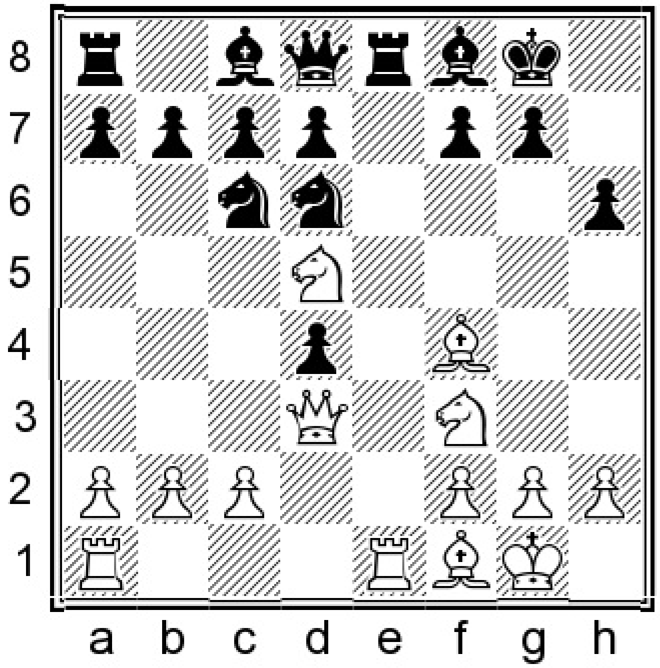
**11.♕d3?**

11.♖xe8! ♘xe8



12.♘g5!! This move is objectively winning for White! 12...♘e5 (Or 12...g6 13.♕f3!; 12...h6 13.♘xf7! ♔xf7 14.♗c4) 13.h4! and if (But not 13.♕h5? h6 14.♖e1 ♘f6 15.♘xf6+ ♕xf6) 13...h6 14.♗xe5 hxg5 15.♕h5+-

**11...h6**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**12.♘xd4?!**

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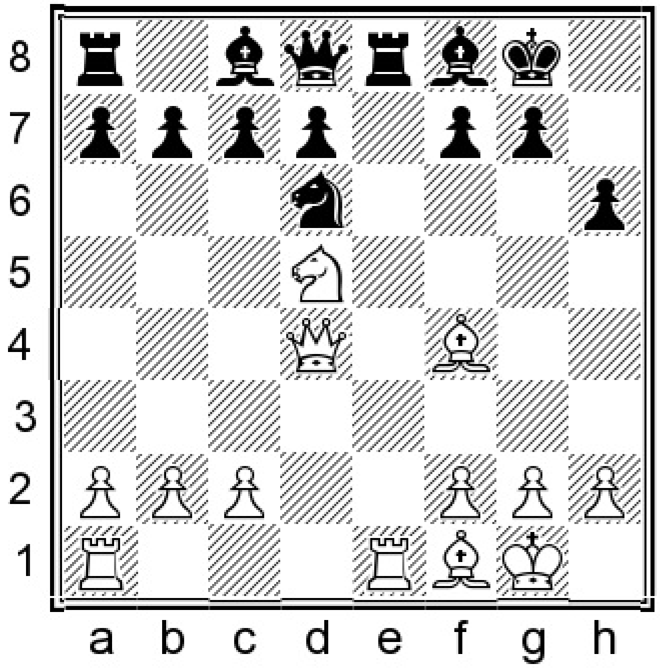
**12...♘xd4 13.♕xd4∞**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**13...♘f5??**

13...c6; 13...♖e6

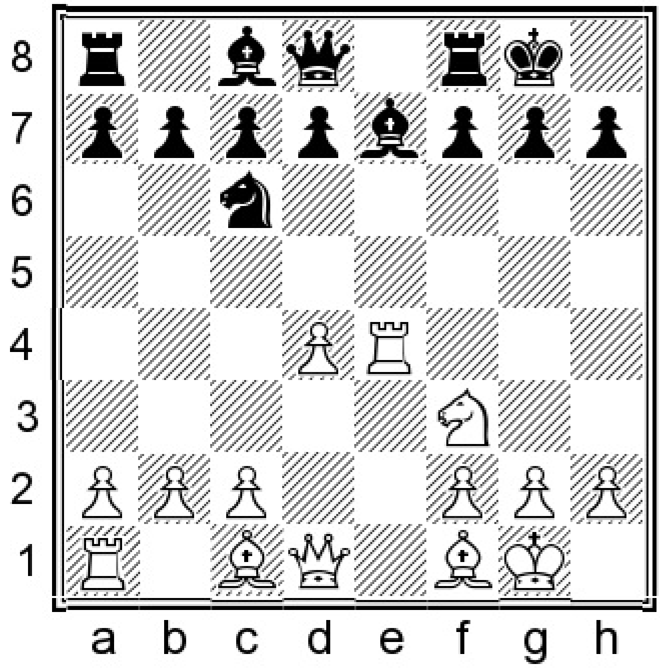
**14.♖xe8 ♕xe8 15.♕d3+- d6 16.♘xc7 ♕c6 17.♘xa8 b6 18.♕f3 d5 19.♘c7 ♘d4 20.♕xd5 ♕xd5 21.♘xd5 ♘xc2 22.♖c1 ♗f5 23.♘e3 ♘xe3 24.♗xe3 ♗e6 25.♖c7 ♗xa2 26.♖xa7 ♗d5 27.♗xb6 ♗b4 28.♖d7 ♗e6 29.♖d8+ ♔h7 30.♗d3+ g6 31.♗d4 f6 32.♗xf6 ♗g8 33.♗c4 ♗e7 34.♗xg8# 1-0**

**C67**
**Golubev, Mikhail (2461) - Csonka, Balazs (2483)**
**chess.com (Internet-blitz), 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♗f1 ♗e7 7.♘c3 O-O**

7...e4!? 8.♘xe4 ♘xe4 9.♖xe4 normally would transpose to 7...0-0 8.d4! e4! after 9...d5 10.♖e1 O-O 11.d4

**8.d4! e4! 9.♘xe4 ♘xe4 10.♖xe4**

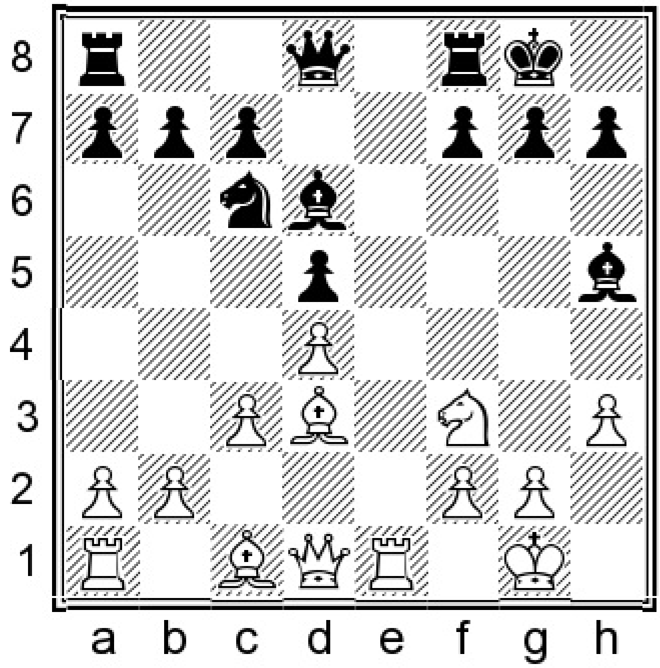


**10...d5! 11.♖e1 ♗g4**

11...♗f5!? 12.♗f4 (12.c3 ♗d6 (Seemann,Jakub 2294 - Krivonosov,Oleg 2362, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021) 13.g3!?) 12...♗d6 13.♗g3!? ♗xg3 14.hxg3± Golubev,Mikhail 2461 - Krivonosov,Oleg 2362, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021

**12.c3 ♗d6 13.h3 ♗h5 14.g4!?**

14.♗d3



14...h6!= Perez Garcia,Miguel - Hogar,Raif, corr 2016 (14...♕d7? 15.♗xh7+; 14...♗g6 15.♘e5±)

**14...♗g6 15.♘e5 ♘xe5**

15...♕h4!? 16.♗g2 ♘xe5 17.dxe5 ♗c5 18.♗e3 ♗xe3 19.♖xe3 c6 20.♕d4 f5!?;

15...♘e7!? 16.♗g2 c6!

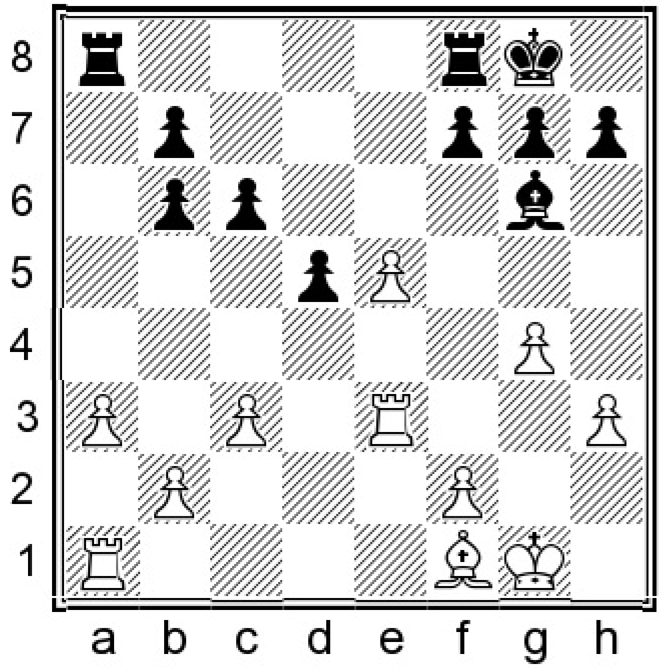
**16.dxe5 ♗c5 17.♗e3 ♗xe3 18.♖xe3 c6 19.♕d4± ♕b6!? 20.♕xb6**

20.♖ae1!? Δ♕xb2 21.h4⩱;

20.b4!?

**20...axb6 21.a3**

21.f4!? ♗e4 22.♗g2 ♗xg2 23.♔xg2 ♖fd8



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**C67**
**Caruana, Fabiano (2835) - So, Wesley (2770)**
**lichess.org (Internet-m/3-rapid), 2020**

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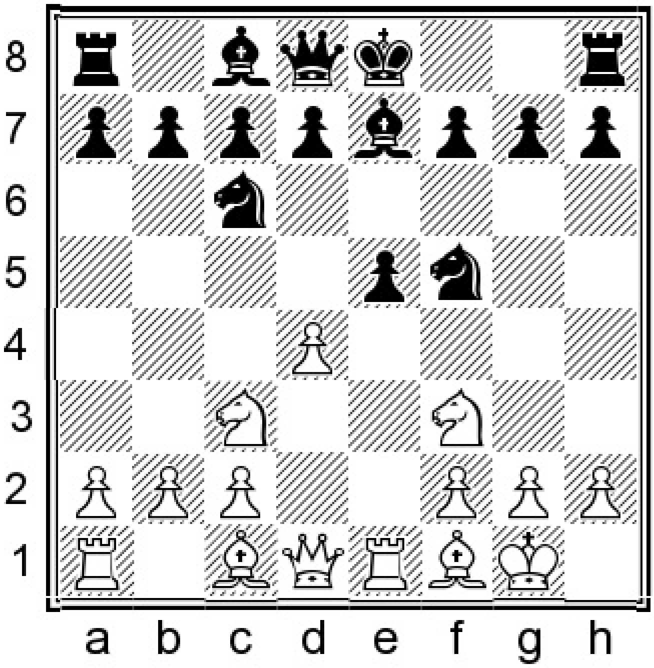
Instead, 8.d4!?

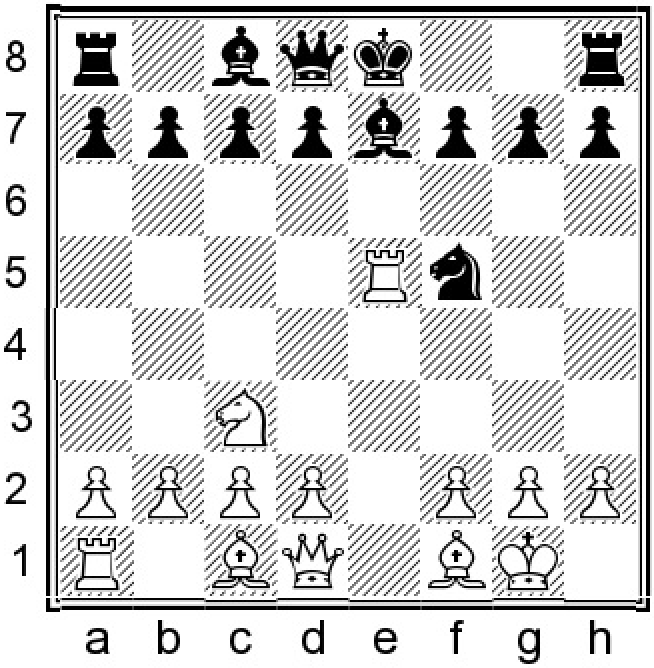


8...♘fxd4! 9.♘xe5 d6 (9...♘e6 10.♘d5=∞) 10.♘xc6 ♘xc6 11.♘d5∞ ♗e6!? 12.b4 (12.♕h5?! ♗xd5 (12...O-O?! 13.♖xe6 fxe6 14.♗d3 g6 15.♗xg6 hxg6 16.♕xg6+= with a draw, Vallejo Pons,Francisco 2705 - Naiditsch,Arkadij 2727, Warszawa 2013) 13.♕xd5 O-O∓; 12.♘xe7)

**8...♘xe5**

8...O-O?! 9.♘d5 ♘xe5 10.♖xe5 d6 11.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 12.♖e1↑ Cech,Dominik 2172 - Dudin,Gleb 2031, Spoleto 2017

**9.♖xe5**



**9...d6! 10.♖e1 d5**

10...O-O 11.♘d5!? (11.d4 d5) 11...♗g5=

**11.d4 O-O 12.♘e2**

12.♗f4 c6!= Smirin,Ilia 2650 - Eljanov,Pavel 2716, Netanya (rapid) 2009;

12.♗d3 c6! (12...♘xd4?! 13.♘xd5! ♕xd5 14.♖xe7 ♕c5 15.♖e1 ♗f5 16.♗e3 ♗xd3 17.♕xd3±; 12...♗f6 13.♗f4!?) 13.♘e2 ♖e8 14.c3= Zinchenko,Yaroslav 2547 - McShane,Luke 2652, London (rapid) 2016

**12...c6= 13.c3 ♖e8 14.♗f4 ♗d6**

14...♗e6 Yu,Yangyi 2739 - Andreikin,Dmitry 2722, Hengshui (blitz) 2019;

14...♗f8 Ni,Hua 2674 - Andreikin,Dmitry 2721, China 2019

**15.♕d2 ♗d7 16.♘g3 ♕c7 17.♗xd6 ♕xd6 18.a4 a5 19.♘h5 ♕h6?!**

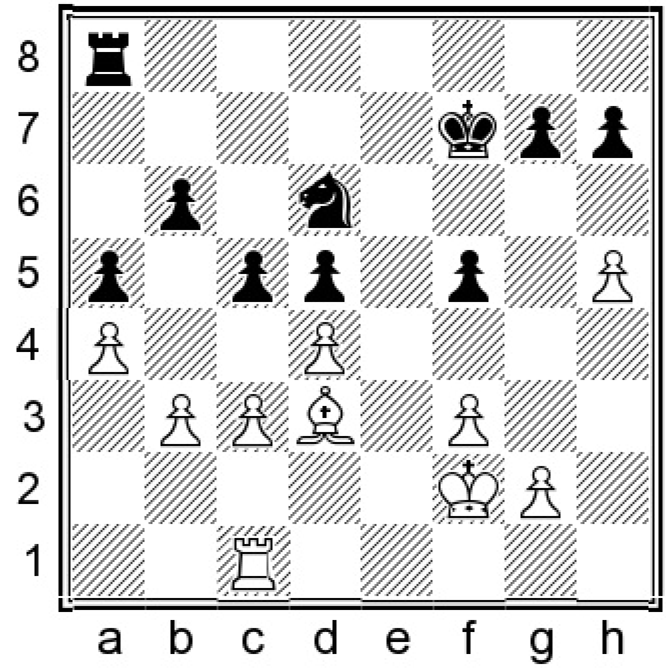
19...♕g6; 19...g6

**20.♕xh6 ♘xh6 21.♘f4 ♘f5 22.♘d3**

22.f3!?

**22...♘d6 23.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 24.f3 b6 25.♔f2 f6 26.h4 ♗g6 27.b3 ♔f7 28.♖c1 ♗xd3 29.♗xd3 c5! 30.h5 f5?!**

30...g6



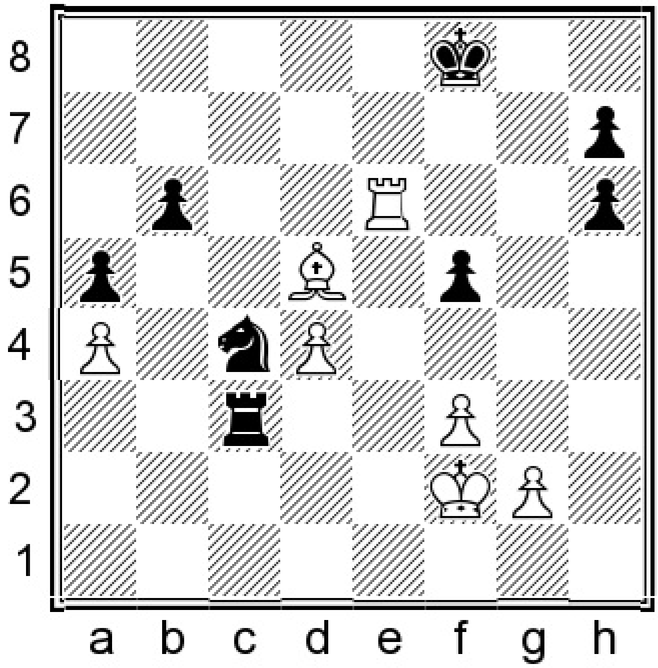
**31.♖e1! c4 32.♗c2 ♖c8 33.♖e5**

33.bxc4!? Δ♖xc4 34.♗b3

**33...cxb3 34.♗xb3 ♖xc3 35.♗xd5+ ♔f8 36.h6**

36.♖e6!

**36...gxh6 37.♖e6 ♘c4**



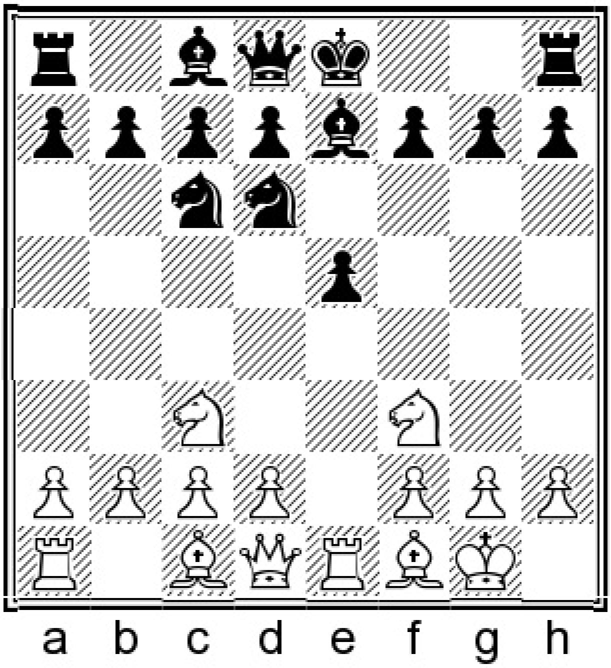
**38.♗xc4?!**

38.♖xh6 ♘e3!; 38.♔e2!

**38...♖xc4= 39.♔e3 ♖xa4 40.♖xb6 ♔g7 41.♖a6 h5 42.g3 f4+ 43.♔xf4 ♖xd4+ 44.♔e5 ♖d3 45.♔e4 ♖a3 46.♔f4 a4 47.♔g5 ♖xf3 48.♖a7+ ♔g8 49.♖xa4 ♖xg3+ 50.♔xh5 ♖f3 51.♖a8+ ♖f8 52.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 1/2-1/2**

**C67**
**Mamedov, Rauf (2673) - Antipov, Mikhail Al (2619)**
**Riga, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♗f1 ♗e7 7.♘c3**

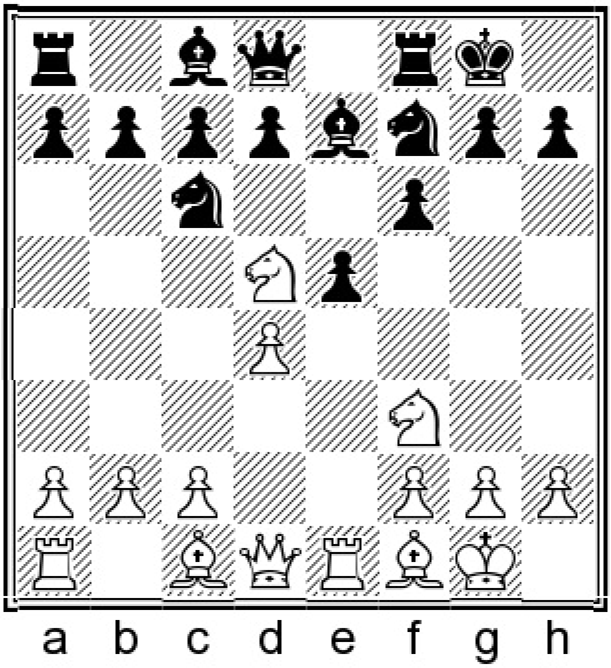


**7...f6!? 8.d4 ♘f7 9.♘d5**

For 9.dxe5 fxe5 see Pessoa - Lounek game.

**9...d6?!**

Critical can be 9...O-O



10.b4! ♗d6!∞

**10.♗c4?!∞**

Stronger is 10.b4! O-O (If 10...a6 11.c4) 11.b5 ♘b8 12.♗c4↑ while Mamedov's move transposes to a position, which usually arises through 6...f6 7.d4 Nf7 8.Bc4 d6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Nd5

**10...♕d7!?** A new move.

An obvious alternative is 10...O-O! with a complex play and many opportunities for both sides. 11.c3 (11.b4!? ♖e8!? 12.c3! ♗f8 13.♘e3∞ Leupold,Volker - Bellegotti,Giorgio, corr 2015/16; 11.♘h4!?∞ is a curious option where 11...♘xd4?? is indeed wrong because of 12.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 13.♕xd4+-.

Perhaps, White can also consider the less radical ideas: 11.a4!?; and 11.h3!?) 11...♔h8 (11...♕d7 12.♕c2 ♗d8 13.b4 ♔h8 14.a4 ♘e7 15.♘xe7 ♕xe7 16.♗d3 g6∞ Booij,Robert - Hernandez,Angel, corr 2016) 12.b4 (12.♕c2 f5 13.♘xe7 ♕xe7 14.♗xf7 ♖xf7 15.♗g5 ♕e8 16.dxe5 ♘xe5 17.♕e2∓) 12...♗e6 13.♕b3 and 13...♗g4 This is maybe acceptable for White after (Not 13...♕d7?? 14.♘xf6; But an interesting move is 13...♕b8!? as in Baranowski,Tadeusz - Chen,Frank, corr 2018) 14.♘xc7!? (14.♘d2?! ♗h5! *Houdini - Stockfish*, chess.com (Internet-rapid) 2019; 14.♘f4 ♘g5 15.♘xg5 fxg5 16.♘e6 ♗xe6 17.♗xe6 exd4 18.b5 ♘a5! 19.♕a4∓) 14...♕xc7 15.♗xf7 ♗xf3 16.gxf3 f5 (16...exd4 17.♗d2!∞) 17.♗d5∞

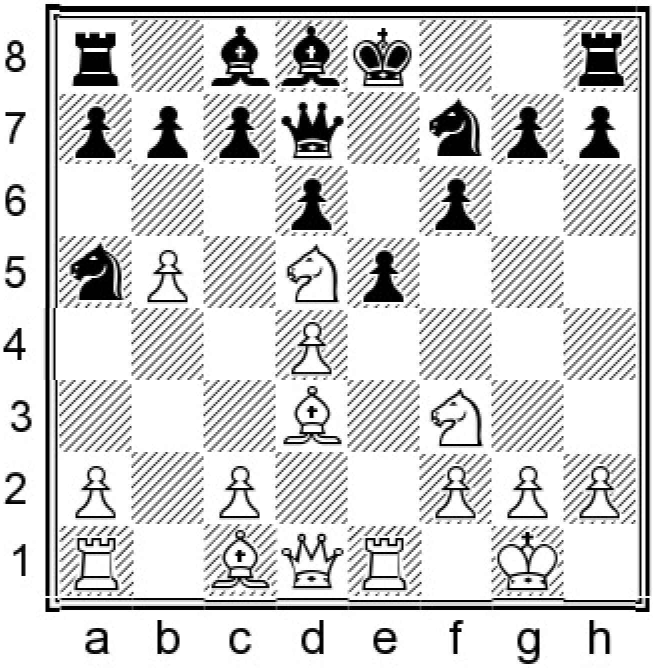
**11.b4 ♗d8**

11...O-O?! 12.b5 ♘a5 13.♗d3 ♗d8 transposes to the game.

**12.b5!? ♘a5**

12...♘e7?! 13.♗b2↑

**13.♗d3**



**13...O-O?!**

13...c6! 14.bxc6 (14.♘e3 cxb5!) 14...bxc6 15.♘e3 O-O 16.c4∞

**14.c4! ♖e8**

14...c6 15.♘e3! ♗b6!?

**15.♕c2**

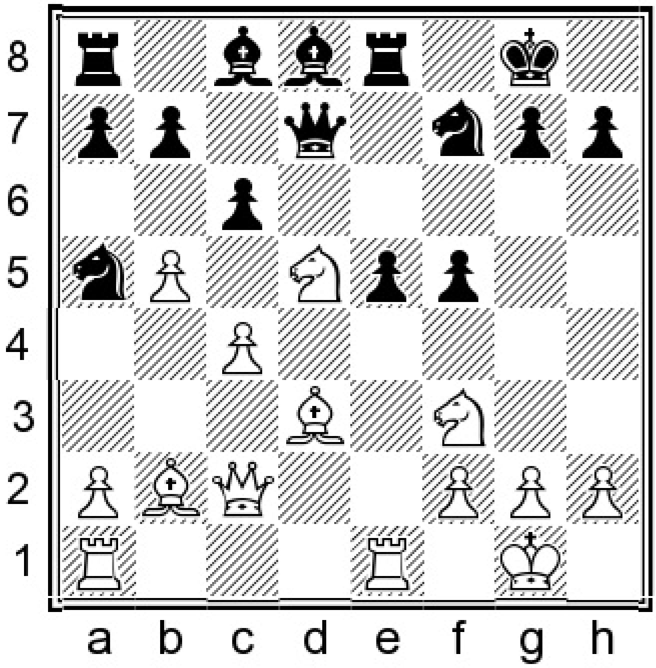
15.dxe5 dxe5 16.♕c2 f5 - 15.Qc2

**15...f5☐**

15...g6? 16.♗xg6 hxg6 17.♕xg6+ ♔h8 18.♖e4 f5 19.♘g5! ♘xg5 20.♗xg5 ♗xg5 21.♕xg5 fxe4 22.♘f6!+- Izoria,Zviad

**16.dxe5! dxe5 17.♗b2 c6**

17...e4? 18.♕c3!



**18.♘f4!! cxb5**

18...exf4? 19.♗xf5+-;

18...e4 19.♘h5! ♘g5 20.♘xg5 ♗xg5 21.♕c3 (21.♗e2↑) 21...♗h6 22.♖ad1 ♕c7 23.g4!±;

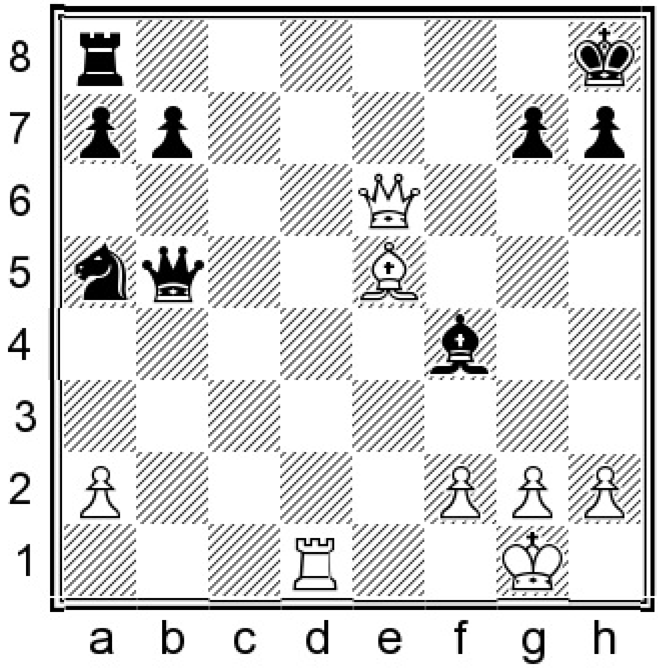
18...♗c7 19.♖ad1↑

**19.♖ad1!± ♕c6**

19...♕c7 20.♘d5

**20.♘xe5 ♘xe5 21.♖xe5 ♖xe5 22.♗xe5 ♗g5 23.♗xf5 ♗xf5 24.♕xf5 ♗xf4 25.cxb5!! ♕c4**

25...♕xb5? 26.♕e6+ ♔h8



27.♕e7! (27.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 28.♖d7++-)

**26.♕xf4+- ♛e2 27.♖c1 ♜d8 28.h3 ♜d1+ 29.♖xd1 ♛xd1+ 30.♔h2 ♛d7 31.♗c3 b6 32.♕b8+ ♚f7 33.a4 h6 34.f4 ♞c4 35.♕h8 ♚g6 36.g4 ♛c7 37.♕e8+ ♚h7 38.♕e4+ ♚g8 39.♔g3 ♞d6 40.♕d5+ ♞f7 41.♕a8+ ♞d8 42.♕d5+ ♞f7 43.♕c6 ♛e7 44.♔f3 ♛d8 45.♕g6 ♛f8 46.h4 ♞d8 47.f5 1-0**

**C67**
**Herfurth, Thomas - Perevertkin, Vladimir**
**corr, 2019**

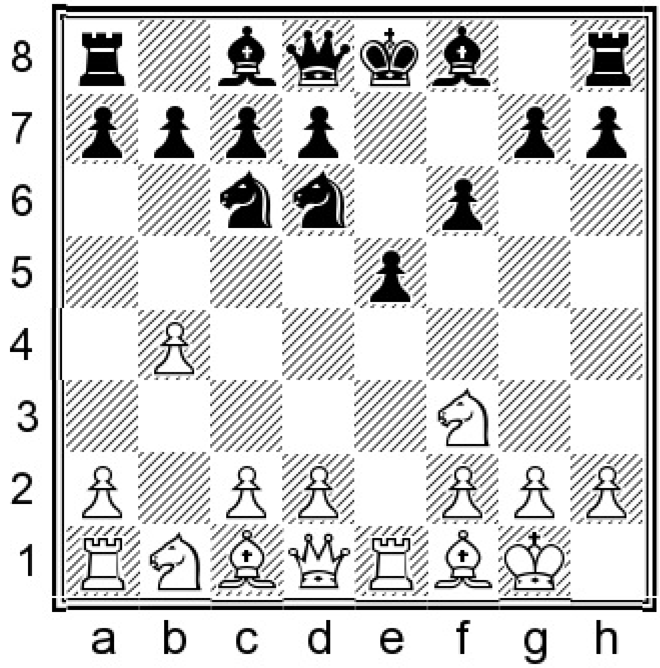
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♞c6 3.♗b5 ♞f6 4.O-O ♞xe4 5.♖e1 ♞d6 6.♗f1 f6!?**

6...e4? is wrong due to 7.d3 ♝e7 8.dxe4±;

6...♞f5 7.♘xe5 (7.d4 d6! 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♕xd8+ ♚xd8! 10.♘xe5 ♞xe5 11.♖xe5 ♝d6=) 7...♝e7 leads to the well known position, which usually arises after 6.Ne5 Be7 7.Bf1 and now 7...Nf5, which is not the most precise move. White is somewhat better after 8.♘f3!±

**7.d4**

7.b4



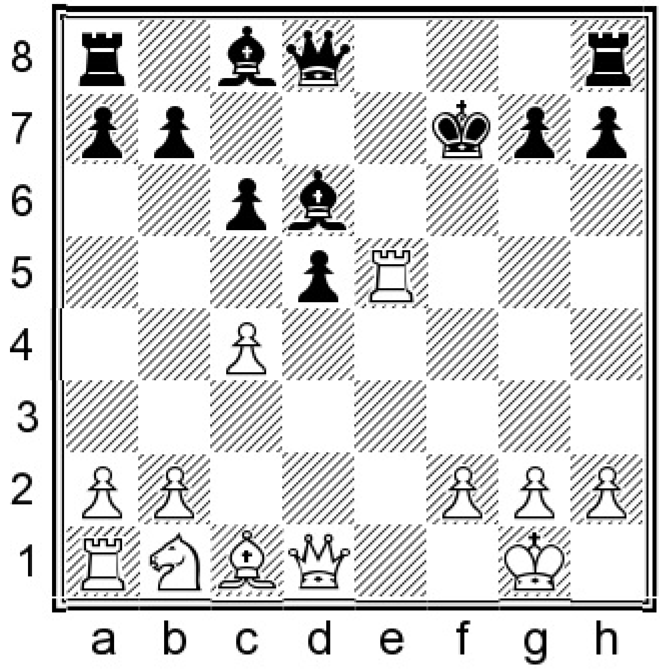
7...a6! (7...♘f7 8.b5 ♘e7 9.d4 d6 10.♘c3 ♘f5∞ Yamaliev,Vil - Isolfsson,Eggert, corr 2019) 8.d4 ♘f7 9.a3 d6 10.♘c3 g6! is apparently good for Black, Jonsson,Dadi Orn - Shpakovsky, Aleksandr, corr 2019

**7...♘f7 8.dxe5**

Instead, 8.♘c3 d6! 9.♗c4 ♗e7 10.♘d5 or 8.♗c4 d6☐ 9.♘c3 ♗e7 10.♘d5 transposes to Mamedov - Antipov game.

**8...fxe5**

8...♘cxe5? 9.♗c4 c6 10.♘xe5 fxe5 11.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 12.♖xe5↑ d5 13.c4! (Szymanski,Pawel - Abolins-Abols,Donalds, corr 2015/16) Δ13...♗d6



14.♗g5!±

**9.♗c4 d6□ 10.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 11.♘g5+ ♔e8**

11...♔g6 12.h4 h6 13.h5+ ♔f6 14.♕f3+ ♗f5 15.♘e4+ ♔e6 looks risky for Black.

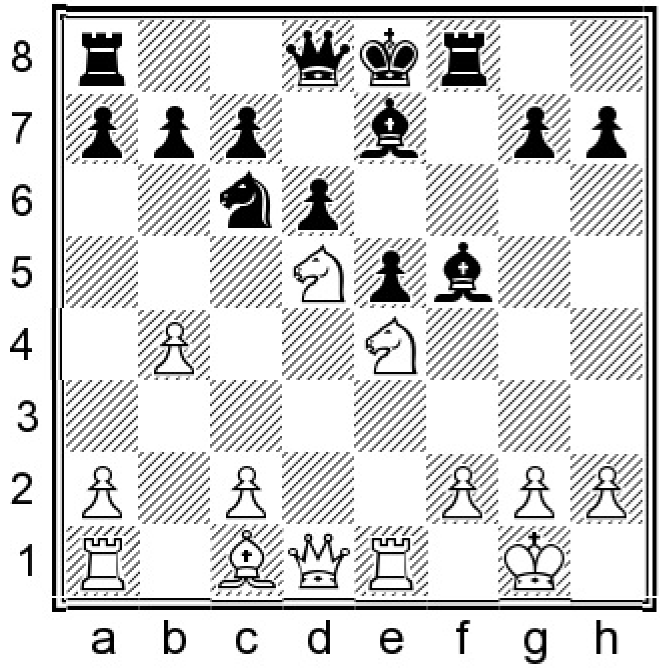
**12.♘c3 ♗e7**

12...♗f5 13.b4!? (13.♘ge4 ♗e7 14.♘d5 - 12...Be7; 13.♘d5 ♗e7 14.♘e4 - 12...Be7; 13.♕d5 ♕d7 14.f4 h6 15.♘f3∞; 13.f4 ♗e7 14.♘f3 ♕d7∞) 13...♗e7 14.♘ge4 ♘xb4!? 15.♖b1 a5 16.a3 ♘c6 17.♖xb7 ♕c8∞ Stoeckert,Mario - Van Unen,Hans, corr 2018

**13.♘d5 ♗f5 14.♘e4 ♖f8**

14...♔f7!? 15.b4 (15.♘g3?! ♗e6! 16.f4 ♖f8 17.f5 ♗d7; 15.♕h5+∞ Δg6 16.♕d1; 15.c3∞) 15...♖e8 16.b5 ♘d4 17.c3 ♗xe4□ 18.♘xe7 (18.♖xe4!? ♘e6 19.f4) 18...♘e6 19.♕h5+ ♔xe7 20.♕h4+ ♔f7 21.♕xe4 and White regains a pawn but will be a bit worse, Olofsson,Dan - Babic,Darko, corr 2018/19

**15.b4**



Black is most likely no worse and has number of options to consider. **15...a6!? 16.♗b2 ♖f7 17.a4 ♔f8 18.b5 axb5 19.axb5 ♖xa1 20.♗xa1 ♘b8!? 21.b6! c6**

21...c5 22.♘xe7 ♔xe7 23.♘g5 ♖f8 24.♗xe5 dxe5 25.♖xe5+ ♔f6 26.♖d5!

**22.♘xe7 ♔xe7**

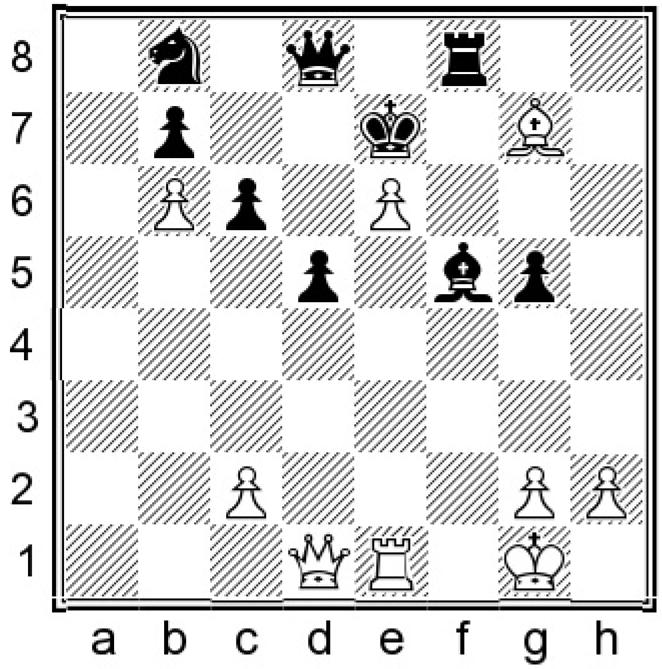
22...♗xe4!? 23.♗xe5 ♗d5 24.♘xd5 dxe5=

**23.♘g5 ♖f8 24.f4! h6**

24...♘d7

**25.♘f3**

25.fxe5 d5! 26.e6 hxg5 27.♗xg7



27...♗e4! 28.♗xf8+ ♕xf8 29.♖f1∞

**25...♗e6 26.fxe5 d5 27.♗d4!? ♘d7= 28.♕b1 ♔f7**

28...c5? 29.♗xc5+! ♘xc5 30.♕b4 ♕c8 31.♖e3!

**29.c3 ♔g8**

29...c5?! 30.♗e3 ♔g8 31.♗xh6!

**30.♕b4 ♕e8 31.♕d6 ♕g6 32.♘h4 ♕f7 33.♘f3 ♖c8!? 34.♗c5! ♘xc5 35.♕xc5 ♕g6 36.♘h4**

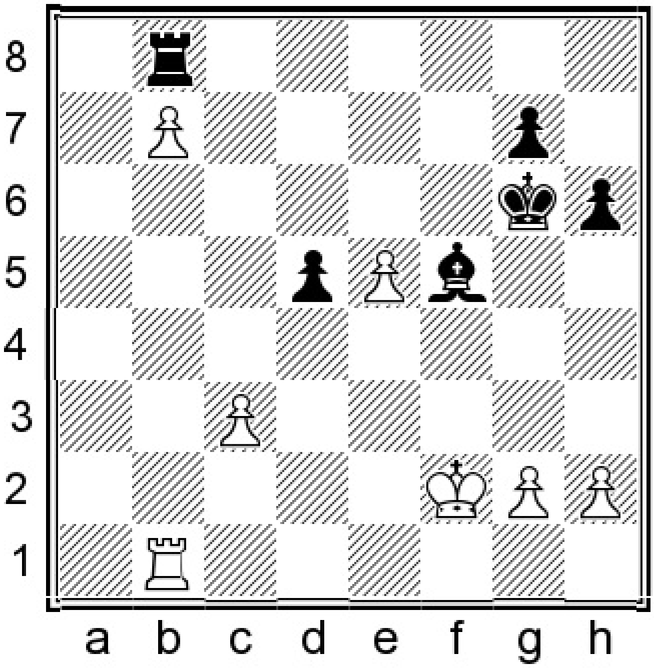
36.♘d4?? ♗h3

**36...♕h5 37.♘f3 ♖e8 38.♘d4 ♗g4 39.♘xc6!? bxc6 40.♕xc6 ♔h7**

40...♖xe5 41.♖xe5 ♕xe5 42.h3=

**41.b7 ♕g6 42.♕xg6+ ♔xg6 43.♖b1 ♖b8 44.♔f2 ♗f5**

44...♔f5 45.h3!



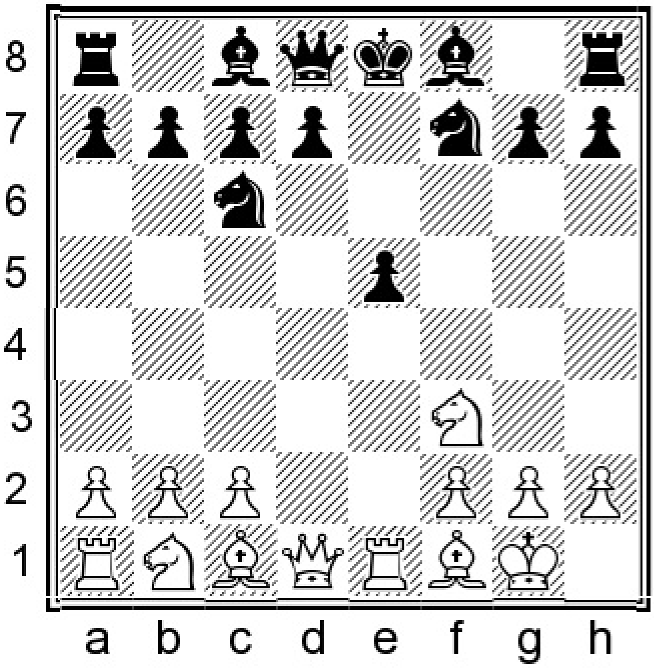
**45.♖b6+! ♔f7 46.♔e3 ♔e7 47.♔d4 ♔d7**

47...♗e4?? 48.c4+-

**48.♔xd5 ♔c7 49.♖b4 ♖d8+ 50.♔c5 h5 51.b8=♕+ ♖xb8 52.♖xb8 ♔xb8 53.♔d6 ♔c8 54.♔e7!= ♗e4 55.♔f7 g5 56.g4 ♗d5+ 57.♔g6 hxg4 58.♔xg5 ♗e6 59.♔f6 ♔d7 60.♔g5 ♔e7 61.♔h5 ♔f7 62.♔g5 ♔g7 63.♔h5 ♔f8 64.♔g5 ♔f7 65.♔h5 ♔e7 66.♔g5 ♔f7 67.♔h5 ♔f8 1/2-1/2**

**C67**
**Pessoa, Francisco Azevedo - Lounek, Jan**
**corr, 2016**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♗f1 f6!? 7.d4 ♘f7 8.dxe5 fxe5**



**9.♘c3!?** This leads to complex positions with mutual chances where White has more or less sufficient compensation for the pawn.

**9...♗e7 10.♗c4**

10.♘d5 O-O 11.♗d3 (11.♗c4 ♔h8!∓; 11.♗e3; 11.b4!? ♘xb4!? 12.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 13.♗a3 c5□ 14.♗xb4 cxb4 15.♘xe5 ♘xe5 16.♕d5+ ♕f7= Zielasko,Andreas - Costa Trillo,Valentin, corr 2019) 11...d6 12.a4!? (12.♗e4 ♗e6 13.a3!?∞ Ghyssens,Dirk - Leemans,Robert, corr 2014; 12.♗e3 - 10.Be3; 12.c4!? ♗g4 13.♗e3) 12...a5 (12...♗g4!?) 13.c3 ♗e6 14.♗e4 ♔h8 (14...♕d7 15.♕d3∞) 15.♕c2 g6 16.♗e3 ♗xd5 17.♗xd5 ♕d7 18.♖ad1=∞ Rhodes,John - Eldridge,Mark, corr 2019;

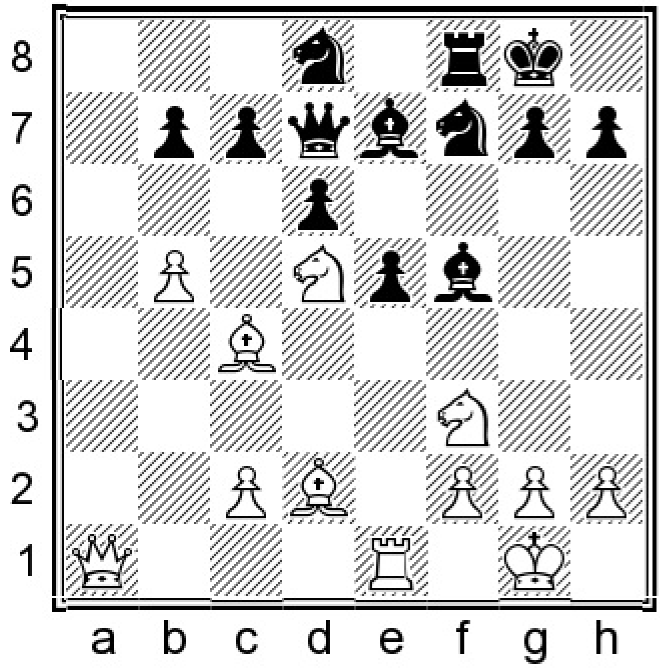
10.♗e3 d6 (10...O-O 11.♘d5 d6 - 10...d6) 11.♘d5 O-O 12.♗d3 ♗f6 (12...a5 13.c3 ♗e6 14.♗e4 ♔h8 15.♕d2 ♕c8 16.c4 ♗d8 17.c5 ♘e7 18.♘xe7 ♗xe7 19.♕d3=∞ Ploscaru,Stelian - Cirulis, Ilmars, corr 2020; Black has many other options such as: 12...♔h8; 12...♗e6, etc.) 13.h3 (13.c4 g6 14.♗e4 ♗g7 15.c5 ♗f5 16.♗xf5 gxf5 17.♖c1 f4 18.♗d2∞ Martynov,Aleksandr - Mishin,Anatoly, corr 2017; 13.♖c1!? Szczepanski,Zbigniew - Felicio,Clairton, corr 2016; 13.b4!?) 13...g6 14.♗e4 ♗g7 15.c4 ♔h8 16.♕d3 ♘h6 17.♗g5 ♕d7 18.c5 dxc5 19.♕e3 ♘f5 20.♕xc5 ♕f7= *Komodo - Stockfish*, chess.com (Internet-rapid) 2019

**10...d6 11.♘d5 ♗f5**

11...O-O?! 12.♘xe7+!↑;

11...♗f6 12.b4∞ (12.♗e3 ♗f5!? 13.♕d2 (13.c3?! O-O 14.b4 ♔h8∓ Richter,Wolfgang - Wichert,Gerd, corr 2018/19))

**12.b4 a6 13.a4 O-O 14.♗d2 ♕d7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 ♖xa1 17.♕xa1 ♘cd8**



**18.♘d4!∞ ♗h4!? 19.♘xf5 ♕xf5 20.g3 c6! 21.♗d3**

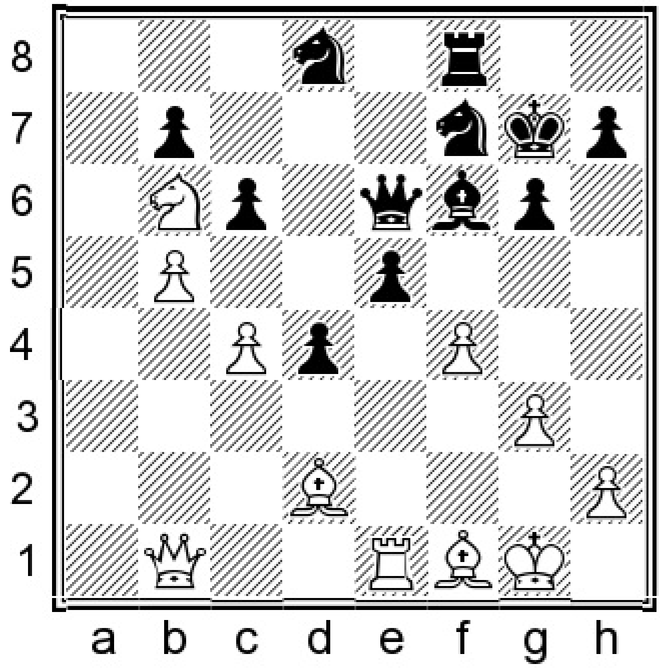
21.♘e3 ♕g6

**21...♕h3 22.♗f1 ♕e6 23.♘b6 ♗e7**

23...♘g5∞

**24.♗g2 d5 25.c4⩱∞ d4!? 26.♕b1 g6 27.f4!? ♔g7 28.♗f1 ♗f6**

28...♗c5 29.♘a4=



**29.c5!= ♖e8 30.♗d3 ♕e7 31.♗e4 ♘e6 32.bxc6 bxc6 33.♗xc6 ♖b8 34.♗b4 d3 35.♘d7**

35.♕xd3? ♖xb6 36.cxb6 ♕xb4

**35...♖d8 36.fxe5 ♘xe5 37.♘xe5 d2 38.♖d1 ♗xe5 39.♔h1 ♖b8 40.♕e4 ♘xc5 41.♕c4 1/2-1/2**

# UNDERSTANDING THE OPENINGS

By GM Nigel Davies

## THE SCANDINAVIAN [B01]

### With 3...♕d6 and 5...g6

### Part I

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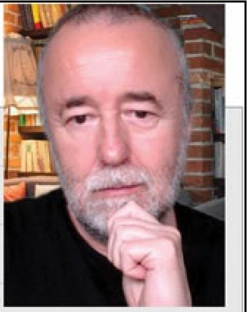


- **Country:** Wales
- **Born:** 1960
- **Rating:** 2462
- **Peak rating:** 2530
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1993

One of my favourite books on middlegame strategy is "Zoom 001: Zero Hour to Operative Opening Models" by Stefan Zeuthen and Bent Larsen. Zeuthen thought that good middlegame play is largely a question of pattern recognition, so collected together 451 games the Gruenfeld/Catalan structure (kingside fianchetto and then playing with the d- and c-pawns) and had Bent Larsen supply pithy but insightful notes. The idea was that the reader should play through all the games and explanations, and would then have an improved understanding of these position types. I went through it twice and started playing "Zoom" type openings in my own games.

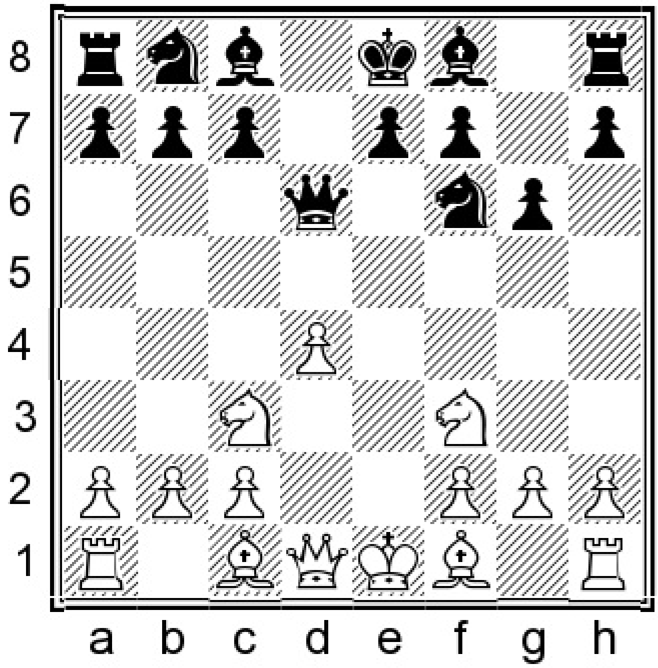
There is one slight issue that there did not seem to be a standard way to get this structure against 1.e4, the Alekhine, Caro-Kann and French Defences will often get there but not all the time. This article will examine another approach, the Scandinavian with 3...♕d6 and then 5...g6, the precise move sequence being 1.e4 d5 2.ed5 ♕d5 3.♘c3 ♕d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 g6!?. It turns out that this has attracted the attention of some very strong players, with 5...g6 having been adopted by Vladimir Kramnik, Fabiano Caruana, Sergei Tiviakov, Aleksandr Rakhmanov, Alexander Motylev, Rauf Mamedov, Boris Chatalbashev, Bojan Kurajica and other GMs. On the whole they seem to adopt it to create a complicated struggle with winning chances for Black, and are willing to take the inherent strategic risk involved with accepting a position with less space.

One of the advantages of this line, as with other 3...♕d6 Scandinavian lines, is the flexibility of Black's position. For example, after the popular choice of 6.♘b5 there are already two queen moves, 6...♕b6 or 6...♕d8. In other lines too Black has several choices at almost every stage, which makes this a difficult opening to prepare for. My coverage of this line is mainly from Black's point of view, the material being divided up as follows:

a) 6.♘b5 ♕b6
b) 6.♘b5 ♕d8
c) 6.g3

d) 6.♗c4
e) 6.Others

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♛xd5 3.♘c3 ♛d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 g6**

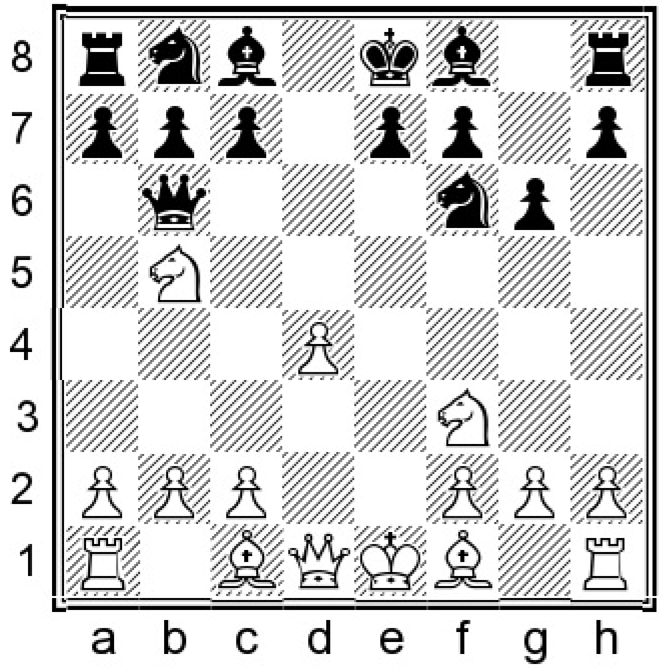


## 6.♘b5 ♛b6

**6.♘b5** This attempts to take advantage of Black's omission of either ...c6 or ...a6. One of White's main ideas is to follow up with c4, taking space.

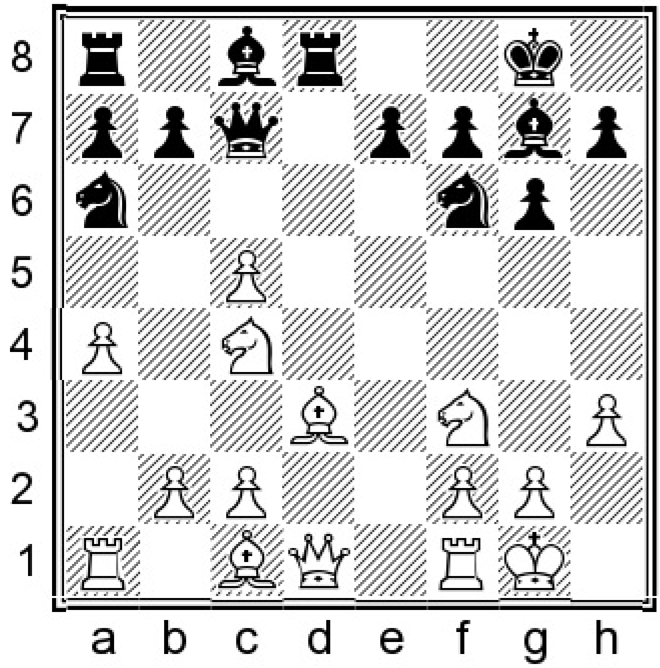
**6...♕b6**

This is not the only move, 6...♕d8 seems just as good.



**7.c4** This is White's most natural continuation, taking space before the knight is driven back.

There are a couple of alternatives to be considered: 7.a4 c6 8.♘a3 (8.a5 ♕d8 9.♘c3 ♗g7 10.♗c4 O-O 11.h3 c5 12.d5 ♘e8 13.O-O ♘d6 14.♗d3 ♘a6 15.♗e3 ♘f5⇄ gave Black counterplay in Smirin,Ilia 2638 - Kurajica,Bojan 2558, Eilat 2012) 8...♗g7 9.♘c4 ♕c7 10.♗d3 O-O 11.O-O c5 12.h3 ♖d8 13.dxc5 ♘a6

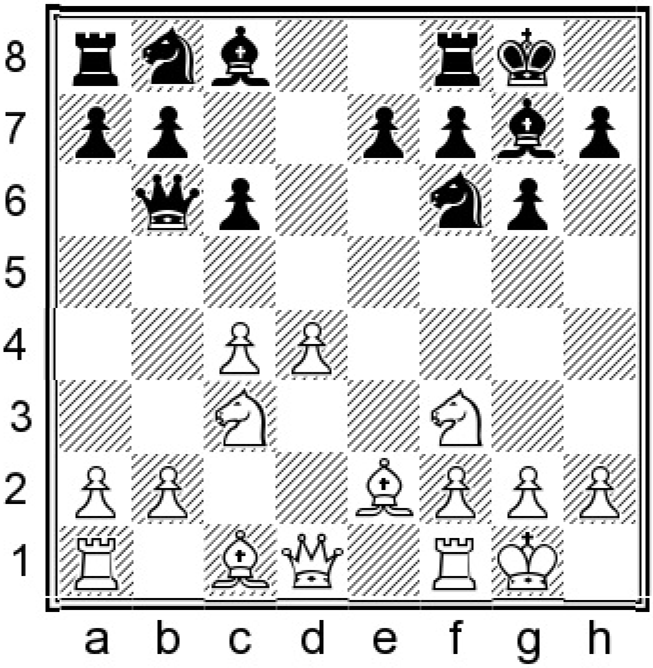


14.c6! ♘c5 15.cxb7 ♗xb7∞ gave Black excellent compensation for the pawn in Zivkovic,Vjekoslav 2383 - Kurajica,Bojan 2548, Bosna i Hercegovina 2010;

7.♘a3 can be met by 7...♗e6, for example 8.c3 (8.♘c4 ♗xc4 9.♗xc4 ♕b4+ does not win a piece for Black because of 10.♘d2, but then 10...♗h6!?⇄ secures good counterplay for Black.) 8...♗g7 9.♘c4

♗xc4 10.♗xc4 O-O 11.O-O e6 12.♕e2 ♘bd7 13.a4 a5 14.♗f4 ♖fe8 15.h3 ♘h5 16.♗h2 ♗h6 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.♗xe5 ♗f4= was OK for Black in Butkiewicz,Lukasz 2429 - Rakhmanov,Aleksandr 2654, Zalakaros 2016

**7...c6 8.♘c3 ♗g7 9.♗e2 O-O 10.O-O**



**10...♖d8!?** An interesting but logical move, delaying the decision on where to put the c8-bishop.

10...♗g4 is a logical move, targeting a defender of the d4 pawn, but White can then gain the two bishops with 11.h3 ♗xf3 12.♗xf3 (Motylev, Alexander 2677 - Inarkiev,Ernesto 2676, Poikovsky 2009 - 106/(31)) After 12...♖d8 *Stockfish* actually recommends 13.♕b3 after which (Rather than Carlsen's 13.d5 as in Carlsen,Magnus 2801 - Kramnik,Vladimir 2772, Moscow (blitz) 2009) 13...♕xb3 14.axb3 ♖xd4 15.♗e3 ♖d3 16.b4↑ gives White strong pressure against Black's queenside.

**11.a3**

Chatalbashev has had several other games with 10...Rd8, for example: 11.h3 ♗f5 12.♘a4 ♕c7 13.♗e3 ♘bd7 14.♖c1 e5 15.d5 ♘b6 16.♘xb6 axb6 17.♕b3 c5 18.♘d2 ♘e8 19.a3 1/2 : 1/2 Fedorov,Alexei 2618 - Chatalbashev,Boris 2593, Eforie Nord 2010;

11.♘a4 ♕c7 12.♕b3 ♗g4 13.♗e3 ♘bd7 14.♖fe1 e5 15.♘xe5 ♘xe5 16.dxe5 ♕xe5 17.h3 ♗xe2 18.♖xe2 ♕c7 19.♖ae1 ♖e8= brought Black comfortable equality in Dobrev,Nayden 2311 - Chatalbashev,Boris 2537, Bulgaria 2013

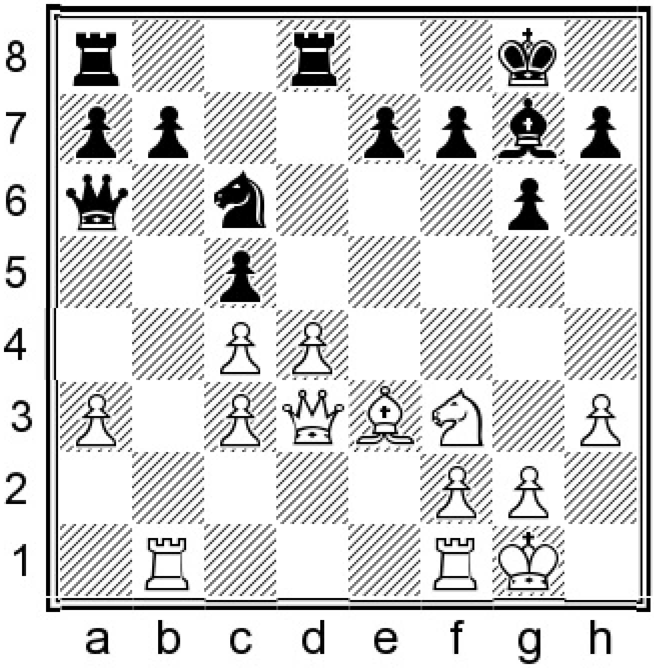
**11...♗f5**

After 11...♗g4 White can play 12.♗e3 as Black's queen is trapped with Na4 should he capture on b2. (Diamant,Andre 2486 - Kurajica,Bojan 2525, San Cristobal de La Laguna 2010)

Nonetheless saw Black get a good game after 12...♘e8 13.♘a4 ♕c7 14.♖e1 ♘d7 15.h3 ♗xf3 16.♗xf3

♘d6 17.♗g5 ♘f5 18.d5 ♘e5∞ as his minor pieces have become very active.

**12.h3 ♘e4 13.♗e3 ♘xc3 14.bxc3 c5 15.♗d3 ♗xd3 16.♕xd3 ♘c6 17.♖ab1 ♕a6⇄**

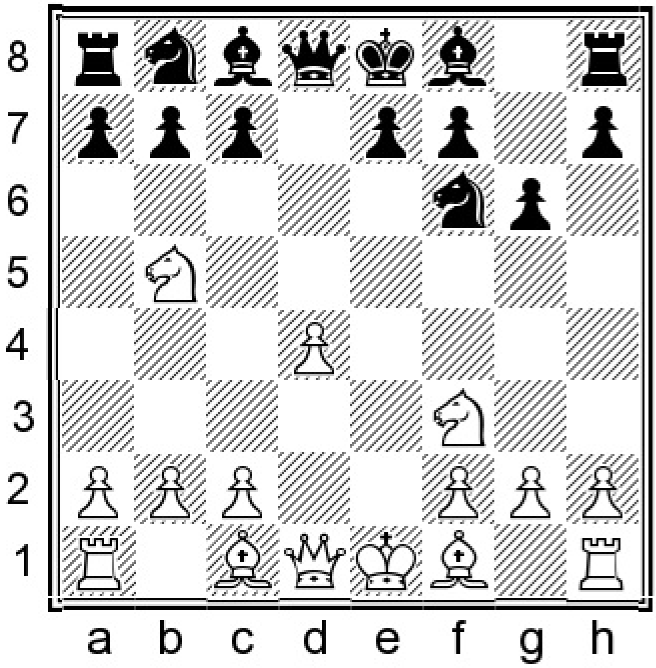


This move gave Black good counterplay in Collins,Sam E 2436 - Chatalbashev,Boris 2566, Rogaska Slatina 2011

## 6.♘b5 ♕d8

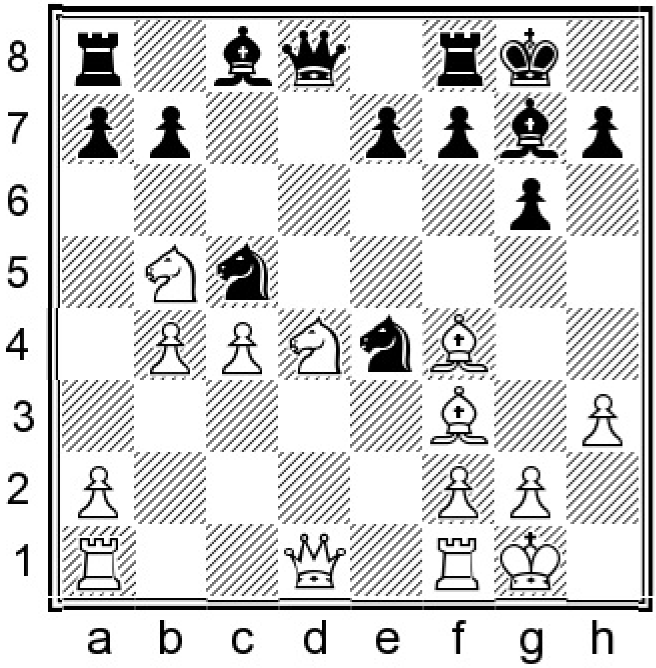
**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘c3 ♕d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 g6 6.♘b5 ♕d8** This is a valid alternative.

More popular is 6...♕b6 White's knight on b5 will soon be forced to retreat.



**7.c4 ♗g7 8.♗e2** White has tried other moves here too after which I will look at lines where Black plays actively with ...c5.

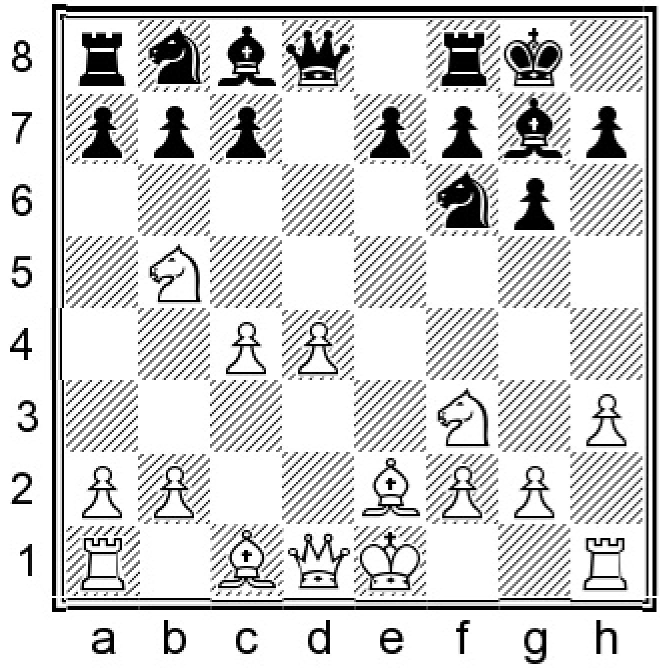
8.♗f4 forces Black to play 8...♘a6 after which 9.♗e2 (9.h3 O-O 10.♗e2 c5 11.O-O cxd4 12.♘fxd4 ♘e4 13.♗f3 ♘ac5 14.b4



14...e5!= equalized for Black in Grandelius,Nils 2578 - Tiviakov,Sergei 2657, Wijk aan Zee II 2013) 9...O-O 10.O-O c5!? is interesting, for example: 11.dxc5 ♘e4 12.♕c2 ♘exc5 13.♖ad1 ♗f5 14.♖xd8 ♗xc2= was about equal in Kobalia,Mikhail 2614 - Ponkratov,Pavel 2631, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020;

8.h3 O-O 9.♗e2 (9.♗d3 c5 10.dxc5 ♘a6 11.O-O ♘xc5 12.♗c2 ♗d7 13.♘c3 ♕c7 14.♗g5 ♗c6 15.♕e2

♘e6∓ was already better for Black in Ruiz Sanchez, Orlen 2411 - Tiviakov,Sergei 2650, Panama City 2011)



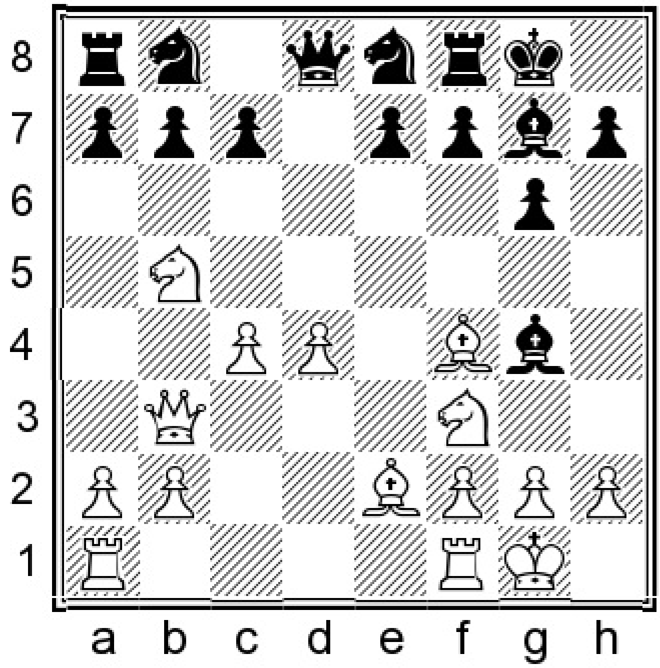
9...c5!? 10.O-O (10.d5 should be met by 10...♘e4!) 10...a6 11.♘c3 cxd4 12.♘xd4 ♕c7 13.♗e3 e5 (13...♘c6) 14.♘b3 ♖d8= was fine for Black in Alsina Leal, Daniel 2540 - Tiviakov,Sergei 2677, Groningen 2014

**8...O-O 9.O-O ♘e8**

Another noteworthy idea is 9...♘a6 10.h3 ♘e4 after which 11.♕c2 ♘d6 12.♘xd6 cxd6∞ was not bad for Black at this stage in Paveto,Kevin 2400 - Cordova,Emilio 2629, Montevideo 2015

**10.♗f4 ♗g4 11.♕b3**

Black also obtains counterplay after 11.♖e1 c6 12.♘c3 ♘d7 (12...♗xf3 13.♗xf3 ♗xd4 14.♕b3± would be too risky for Black.) 13.h3 ♗xf3 14.♗xf3 ♘d6⇄ intending 15...Nf5



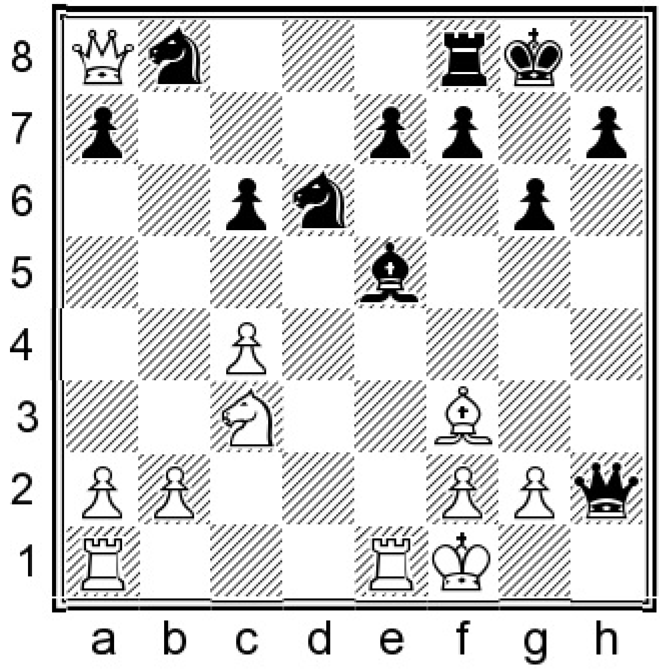
**11...c6**

11...♘c6!? is interesting, for example: 12.d5 ♘a5 13.♕a4 c6 14.dxc6 ♘xc6 15.♖fd1 ♕c8 is about equal.

**12.♘c3 ♗xf3 13.♗xf3 ♕xd4 14.♕xb7**

14.♗g5 ♕d7 leaves White with activity for his pawn, but nothing concrete.

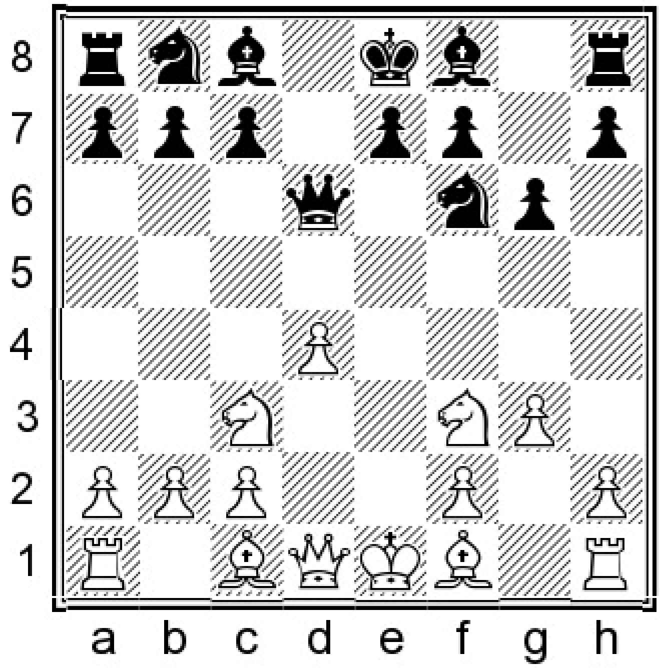
**14...♕xf4 15.♕xa8 ♗e5! 16.♖fe1 ♕xh2+ 17.♔f1 ♘d6**∞



This move gave Black compensation for the exchange in Iermito,Sebastian 2462 - Vakhidov,Jahongir 2385, Kocaeli 2013

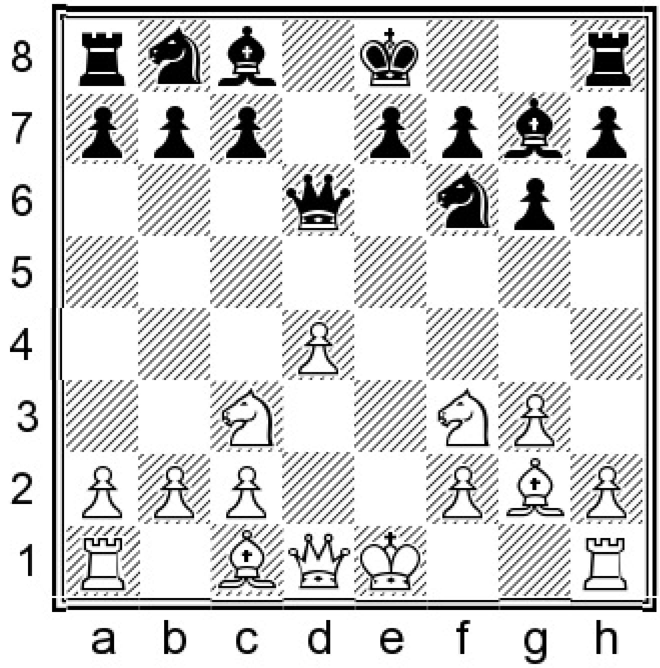
## 6.g3

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘c3 ♕d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 g6 6.g3**



This is White's strongest move against 5...a6, here it is somewhat less well motivated. In fact Black can annoy his opponent by using the a6 square for his queen!

**6...♗g7 7.♗g2**



**7...♕a6!** An awkward move for White to meet because he wanted to castle kingside.

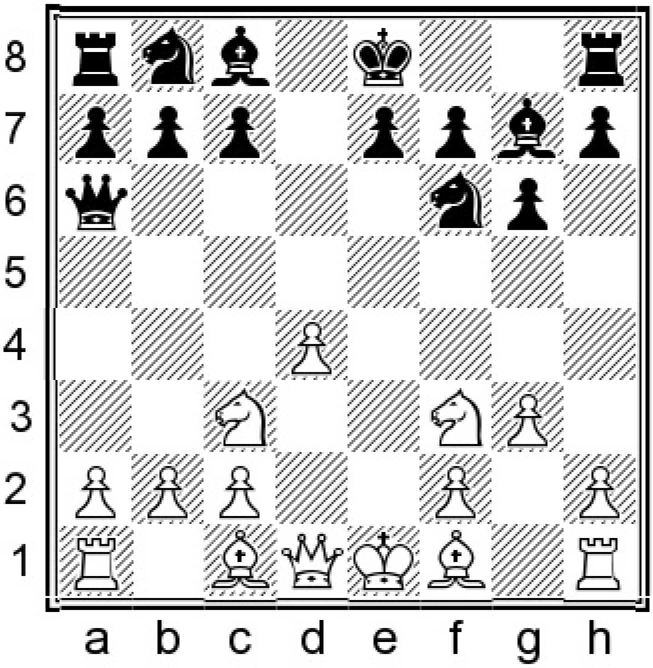
**8.♗f1** Looking to repeat the position, but Black can avoid this if he's willing to take a risk.

There are a couple of alternatives here: 8.♕e2 O-O 9.O-O ♕xe2 10.♘xe2 ♗f5 11.c3 ♗e4 12.♘e5 ♗xg2 13.♔xg2 ♘bd7 14.♘xd7 ♘xd7 15.♗e3 a5 16.a4 ♘b6 17.b3 ♘d5 18.♗d2 ♖fd8 19.♖ad1 e6 20.♘f4 c5↑ saw Black take the initiative in Potapov,Pavel 2476 - Rakhmanov,Aleksandr 2647, Doha 2014;

8.♘e2 O-O 9.O-O ♖d8 10.♖e1 c5 11.c3 ♘c6 12.♗f4 ♗e6 13.♕c1 ♗c4→ put White under pressure in Teran Alvarez,Ismael 2427 - Spraggett,Kevin 2561, Elgoibar 2014

**8...♕b6 9.♗g2 ♕a6! 10.♗f1** Essentially offering a draw.

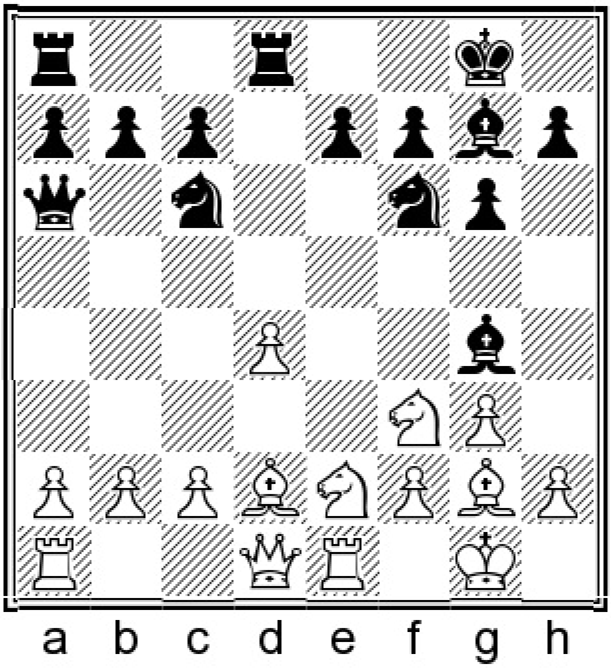
White could also play 10.♗f4!?, but Black gets good attacking chances if White tries castling long. For example: 10...c6 11.♕d2 O-O 12.O-O-O (12.♗h6 ♗xh6 13.♕xh6 ♗f5 14.O-O-O b5 15.a3 b4→ gave Black a strong attack in Berbatov,Kiprian 2471 - Chatalbashev, Boris 2593, Albena 2010) 12...b5!? 13.a3 b4 14.axb4 ♕a1+ 15.♘b1 a5 16.b5 cxb5 17.♘e1 ♖a6∓ put White in an unenviable position in Wei,Yi 2638 - Miroshnichenko,Evgenij 2602, Turkiye 2014



**10...♕a5!? 11.♗g2** Still looking for the repetition, but Black does not cooperate.

11.♗d2 would have been a better idea, trying to make life awkward for Black's queen.

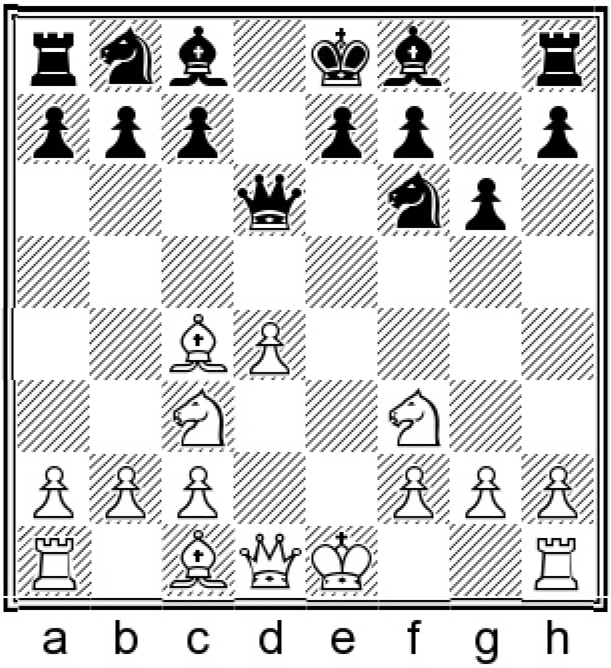
**11...O-O 12.O-O ♖d8 13.♗d2 ♘c6 14.♘e2 ♕a6 15.♖e1 ♗g4∓**



Position made life difficult for White in Caspi,Israel 2451 - Motylev, Alexander 2655, Eilat 2012

## 6.♗c4

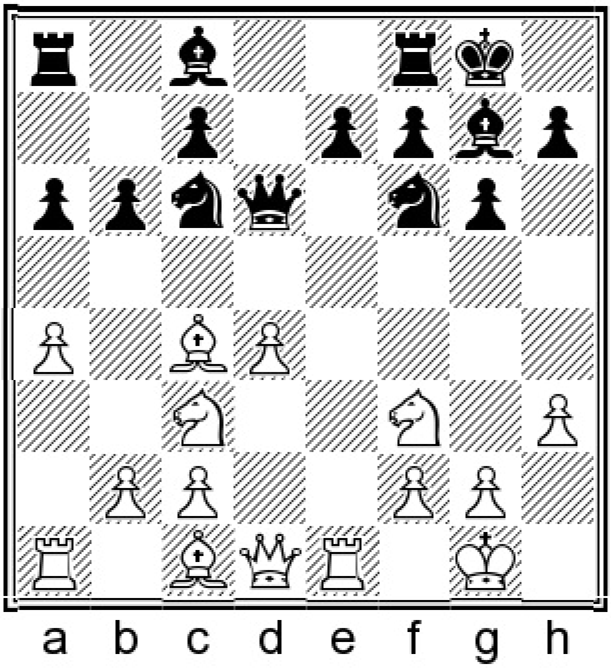
**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘c3 ♕d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 g6 6.♗c4**



This natural move is quite popular against every flavour of the Scandinavian Defence, so it's little surprise that it has appeared here too.

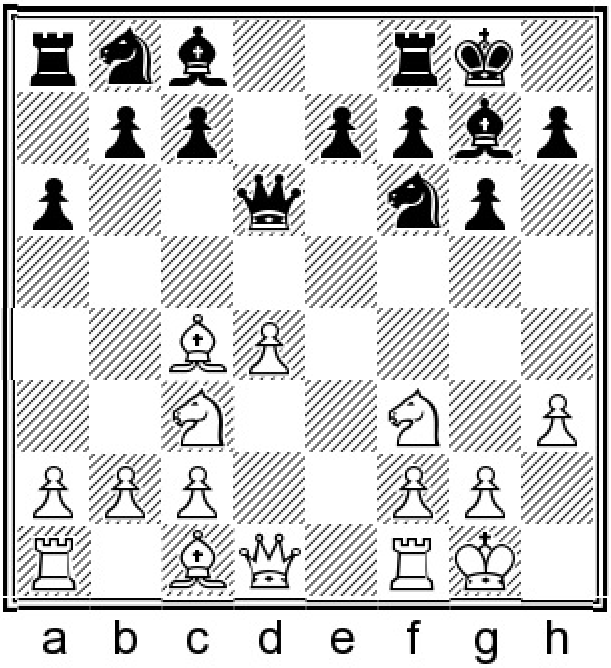
**6...♗g7 7.O-O O-O 8.h3** White wants to avoid being pinned with ...Bg4, but it's by no means clear that Black wants to do this.

After the alternative 8.♖e1 a6 9.♗g5 (9.a4 ♘c6 10.h3 b6



11.b3! ♘b4 12.♗a3 c5! 13.♕e2 e6 14.♖ad1 (14.a5?! (Schoorl,Rob 2349 - Sasikiran,Krishnan 2680, Bilbao 2014) and now 14...cxd4 15.♘xd4 bxa5= is at least equal for Black.)) 9...b5 10.♗b3 ♗b7 11.♘e5 ♘c6 12.♗xf6 exf6 13.♘e4 ♕d8 14.♘xf7 (14.♘xc6 ♗xc6= gave Black full equality in Ivanchuk,Vassily 2756 - Kramnik,Vladimir 2772, Moscow (blitz) 2009) 14...♖xf7 15.♘c5 (Akopian,Vladimir 2657 - Huang,Qian 2464, Doha 2014) and now 15...♘a5 was the best move, when 16.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 17.b4 ♕d5 18.♕g4 f5 19.♕g3 ♖c8 20.bxa5 ♗xd4= equalizes for Black.

**8...a6**



**9.♖e1!?**

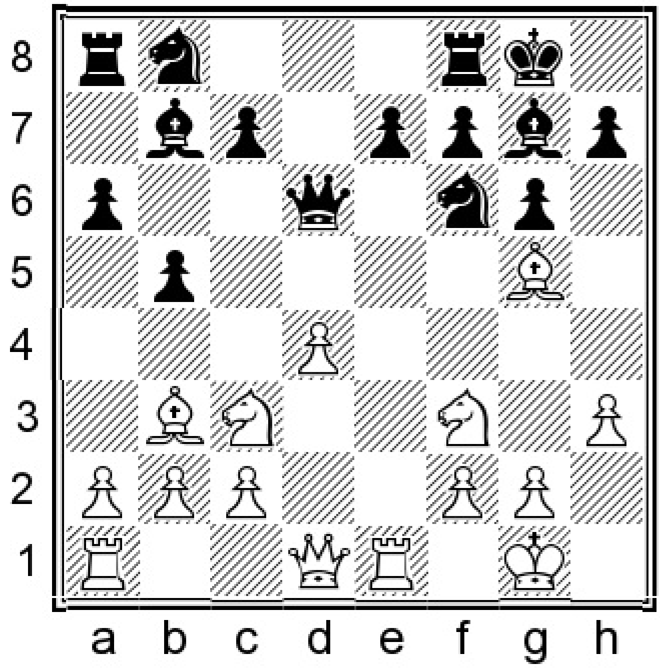
9.a4 is probably better, in order to prevent ...b5, but Black can then free his position with 9...c5, for example (9...♘c6!?) 10.d5 (10.dxc5 ♕xc5 11.♕e2 ♘c6 12.♖d1 ♗f5= was fine for Black in Dvalishvili,Pavel 2442 - Potapov,Pavel 2486, Moscow 2016) 10...♘bd7 11.♕e2 ♘b6 12.♖d1 ♘xc4 13.♕xc4 ♗f5 14.♗e3 ♖fc8 15.a5 b5 16.axb6 ♕xb6 17.♘a4 ♕b5 18.♕xb5 1/2 : 1/2 was Zhigalko,Sergei 2641 - Rakhmanov,Aleksandr 2653, Riyadh (rapid) 2017

**9...b5 10.♗b3**

10.♗f1 ♗b7 11.a3 ♘bd7 12.♗g5 c5 13.dxc5 ♕xc5 14.♗h4 ♖ac8 15.♕e2 ♖fe8 16.♖ad1 e5∓ was already better for Black in Voloshin,Leonid 2409 - Kraus,Tomas 2410, Cesko 2017

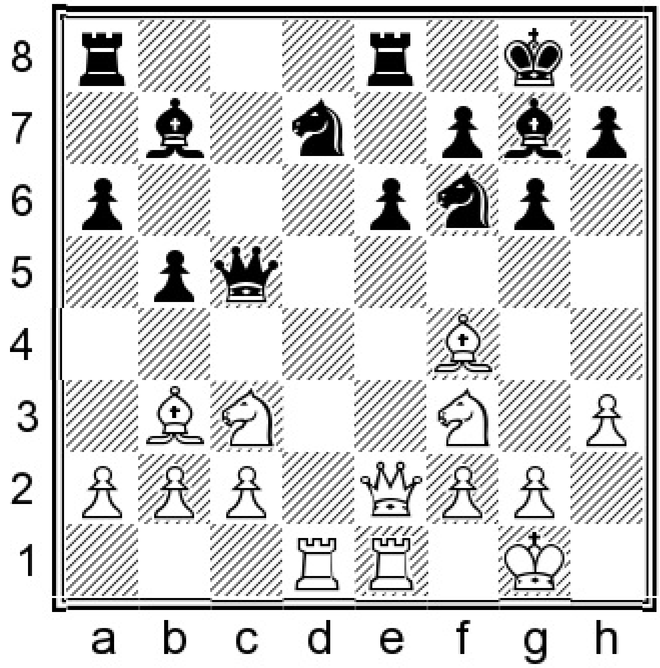
White has also tried other bishop moves, but none of them promise him much: 10.♗d3 ♗b7 11.a4 b4 12.♘e4 ♗xe4 13.♗xe4 ♘xe4 14.♖xe4 c5= is more than comfortable for Black.

**10...♗b7 11.♗g5**



**11...c5** The characteristic freeing move, which leaves Black very comfortably placed.

**12.dxc5 ♕xc5 13.♕e2 e6 14.♖ad1 ♘bd7 15.♗f4 ♖fe8!∓**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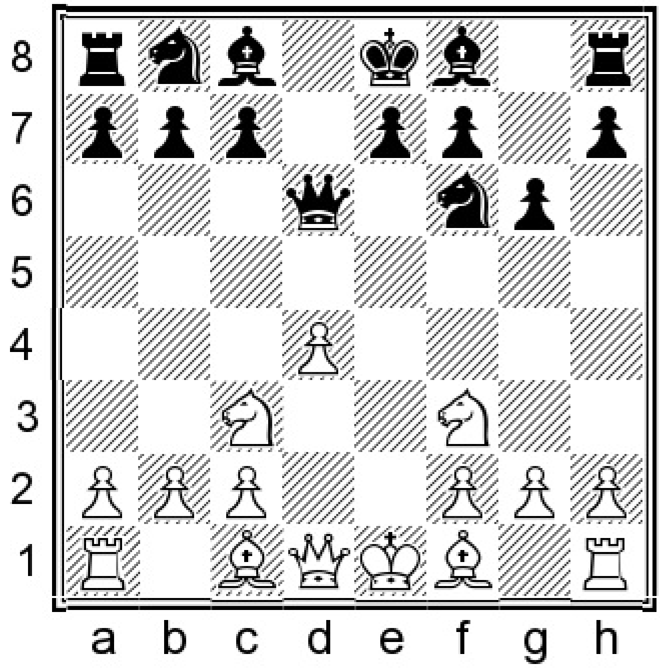
Black had an excellent game in Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2734 - Caruana,Fabiano 2772, Tashkent 2012

## Other 6th move

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♕xd5 3.♘c3 ♕d6 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 g6**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**6.♘e5** The most aggressive looking of White's less common 6th moves, though Black's main problem may be in finding winning chances.

The two main alternatives can be handled as follows:

6.♗g5 ♗g7 7.♕d2 O-O 8.O-O-O ♗g4 9.♗e2 ♘c6 10.♗h6 (Black also gets counterplay after either 10.♗f4 ♕b4 11.♗xc7 ♗xf3 12.♗xf3 ♘e8⇄; or 10.d5 ♗xf3 11.gxf3 ♘d8 12.♕e3 ♕b6 13.♕xe7 ♖e8 14.♕a3 ♕xf2⇄ etc..) 10...♖fd8 11.♗xg7 ♔xg7 12.♕e3 ♘b4 13.a3 ♘bd5∓ was already slightly better for Black in Rublevsky,Sergei 2651 - Ponkratov,Pavel 2621, Russia (ch-blitz) 2019;

6.h3 c6 makes sense, to rule out Nb5 ideas by White. Game continued 7.♘e5 ♗g7 8.♗f4 ♘d5 9.♘xd5 ♕xd5 10.f3 ♕a5+ 11.c3 ♗e6 12.♘c4 ♕d8 13.h4 ♘d7= with about equal chances, Saric,Ivan 2661 - Iordachescu,Viorel 2590, Jerusalem 2015

**6...♗g7 7.♗f4**

A couple of alternatives have been seen here too: 7.♗c4 O-O 8.O-O ♘c6 9.♘b5 ♕d8 10.♘xc6 (10.h3 ♘e8 11.♗f4 a6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♘c3 ♕xd4∓ left White struggling to find sufficient compensation in Mehar,Chinna Reddy C.H 2318 - Rakhmanov,Aleksandr 2623, Dubai 2015) 10...bxc6 11.♘c3 ♘e8 12.♘e2 ♘d6 13.♗b3 ♗a6∞ gave Black active play for his pawn weaknesses in Sergienko, Sergey 2389 - Kovalenko,Igor 2596, Voronezh 2013;

7.♘b5 ♕d8 8.c4 O-O 9.♗e2 ♘bd7 10.♗f4 c6 11.♘c3 ♕b6⇄ gave Black active counterplay in Duman, Aydin 2244 - Miroshnichenko,Evgenij 2602, Turkiye 2014

**7...♘d5 8.♘xd5**

White can also play 8.♘b5 after which 8...♕b6 9.♘c4 ♕c6 10.♘e5 leaves him hard pressed to avoid a draw by repetition.

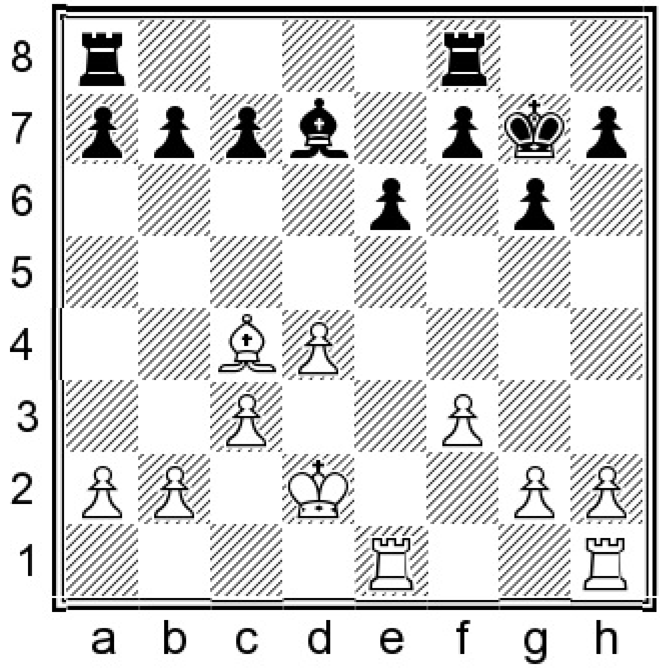
**8...♕xd5 9.f3**

9.♕d2 ♘d7 10.♗e2 ♘xe5 11.dxe5 ♕xg2 12.O-O-O O-O left White with inadequate compensation for his pawn in Llaneza Vega,Patricia 2262 - Stevic,Hrvoje 2606, Schwarzach 2015

**9...O-O 10.♗c4 ♕a5+ 11.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 12.♔xd2 ♘d7 13.♖ae1**

13.♘xd7 ♗xd7 14.c3 e6= was equal in Moskalenko,Alexander 2522 - Rakhmanov,Aleksandr 2654, Russia (blitz) 2017

**13...e6 14.c3 ♘xe5 15.♗xe5 ♗d7 16.♗xg7 ♔xg7=**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Black had equalized, but did not have much in the way of winning chances in Cherniaev,Alexander 2451 - Rakhmanov,Aleksandr 2655, Russia 2016

# B 48 PAULSEN SICILIAN

By GM Miloš Perunović

## New Ideas in the Paulsen Sicilian

In this article I will examine the latest trends and ideas in the Paulsen Sicilian, since the variation made a great comeback in the repertories of many elite grandmasters. At the recently finished Wijk aan Zee Tournament, the Paulsen featured in a few important games, including one of the World Champion's encounters.

This article will deal with the highly topical White's attempt 7.g4. For quite a while it was considered dubious to push g4 if the black knight is not already on the f6-square.

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- **Peak rating:** 2641
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004

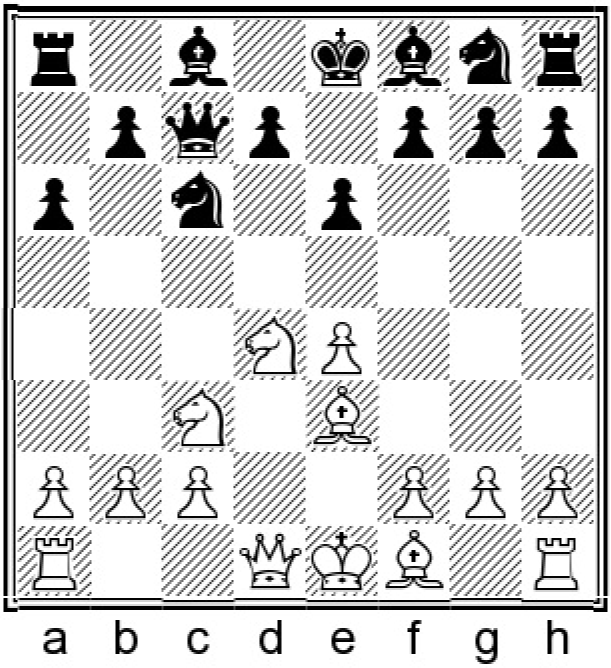
Nowadays, White plays g4 in order to hinder knight's development to f6.

We will examine two standard replies by Black: 7...b5 and 7...♘d4, both very much in the spirit of the variation. At the first glance, 7...♘d4 does not look logical and natural, because White moves his queen and enables long castle in one move - but, it still got its merits. Black is developing his queenside very quickly thus creating counterplay.

On the other hand, 7...b5 leads to a completely different type of position, and an early pawn sacrifice on White's part after 8.♘c6 ♕c6 9.♕d2. If Black accepts the sacrifice he will be forced to proceed in a highly precise manner.

In general, the play after 7.g4 is extremely rich, so we can expect many surprises in the upcoming period.

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6**

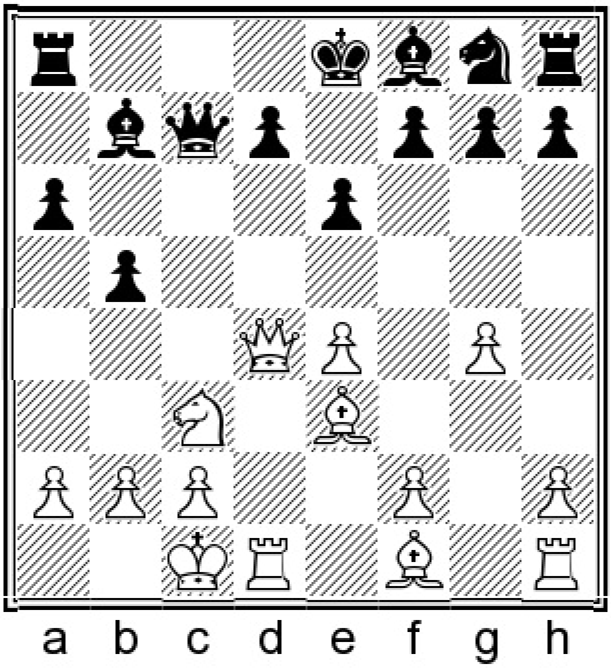


**7.g4**

This is the topical attempt against the Paulsen Sicilian. Until quite recently it was 7.Qf3 that was most commonly played.

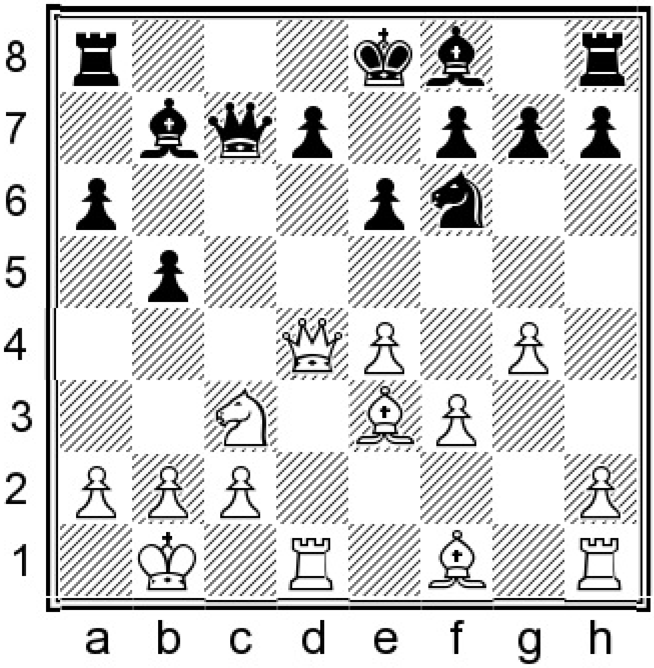
**7...b5**

7...♘xd4 8.♕xd4 b5 9.O-O-O ♗b7

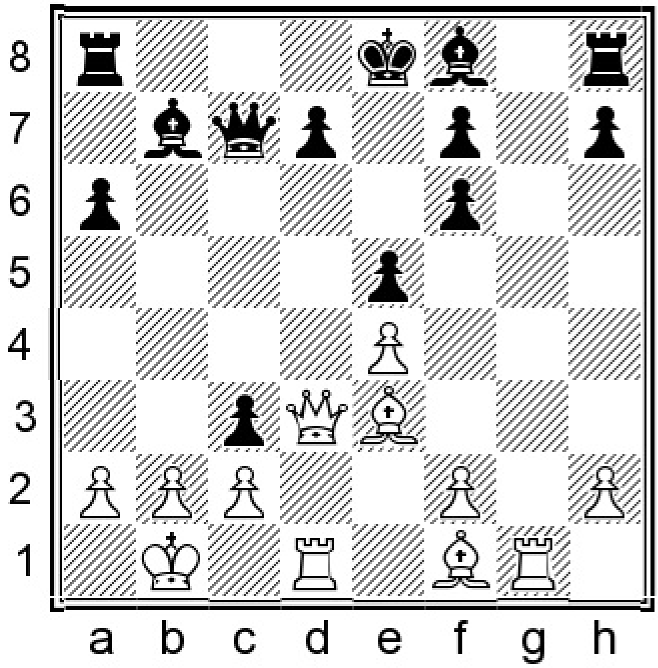


10.f3 (10.♔b1 White secures his king and threatens Bf4, forcing Black to defend the d7-point. 10...♘f6 11.♖g1 (11.g5 ♘g4 12.♗f4 e5 13.♘d5 O-O-O 14.f3 (14.♗xe5 ♕xe5 15.♕a7 White is threatening Rd3-c3 thus forcing Black to settle for a draw. 15...♕b8 16.♘b6+ ♔c7 17.♘d5+=)

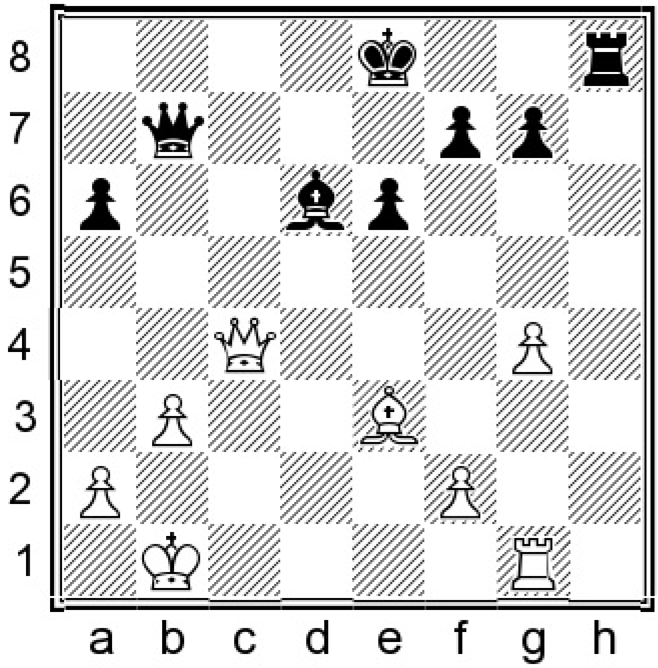
14...exd4 15.♗xc7 ♖e8 16.♗g3 ♗xd5 17.exd5 ♘e3 18.♖xd4 ♘f5 19.♖d1 ♗d6! (19...♘xg3 20.hxg3± Nepomniachtchi,Ian 2792 - Caruana,Fabiano 2820, chess24.com (Internet-m1/3-rapid) 2021) 20.♗xd6 (20.♗f2 ♘e3 21.♖d3 ♘xf1 22.♖xf1 h6 23.h4 (23.gxh6 ♖xh6⩱) 23...hxg5 24.hxg5 ♖h2⩱) 20...♘xd6⩱ White is up a pawn, but his pawn structure is compromised thus allowing Black to take advantage of it. Black should proceed with Re3, followed by h6.; 11.f3



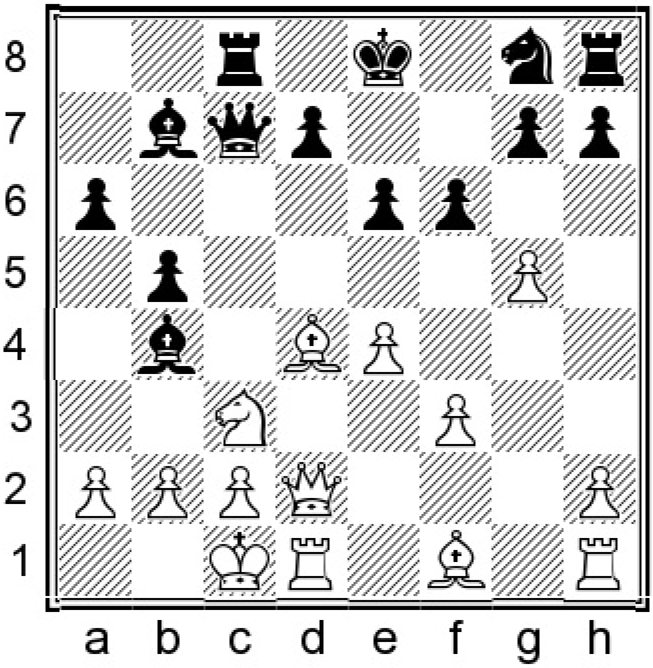
11...h6! A highly important move. Black is preventing g5, so his knight will not be forced to jump to h5 being in grave danger in view of White's intended Bh3-g4. 12.h4 ♖c8 13.♖g1 (13.♗d3 ♗c5 A model move in this type of position. After a couple of exchanges Black manages to relieve his position. 14.♕xc5 ♕xc5 15.♗xc5 ♖xc5=) 13...b4 14.g5 hxg5 15.hxg5 ♘h5 16.♘e2 ♗c5 17.♕xc5 ♕xc5 18.♗xc5 ♖xc5=) 11...h5 (11...b4? 12.g5 e5 13.♕d3 bxc3 14.gxf6 gxf6



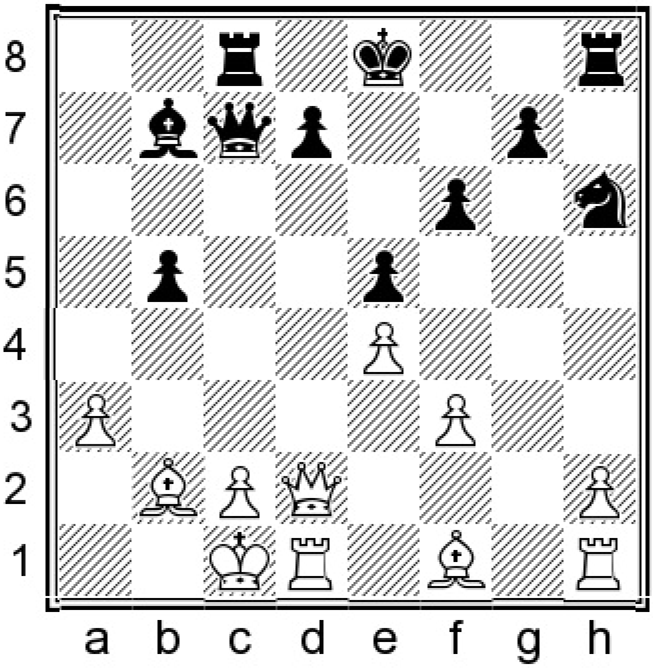
15.♗b6! ♕c6 16.♗a5± The black king is forced to remain in the centre, under the attack of the white forces.) 12.h3 hxg4 13.hxg4 d5 14.exd5 (14.g5 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 dxe4∞) 14...♘xd5 15.♘xd5 ♗xd5 16.c4 bxc4 17.♖c1 ♖c8 18.♗xc4 ♗xc4 19.b3 ♕b7 20.♖xc4 ♖xc4 21.♕xc4 ♗d6∞



) 10...♖c8 11.♕d2 ♗b4 12.♗d4 f6 13.g5



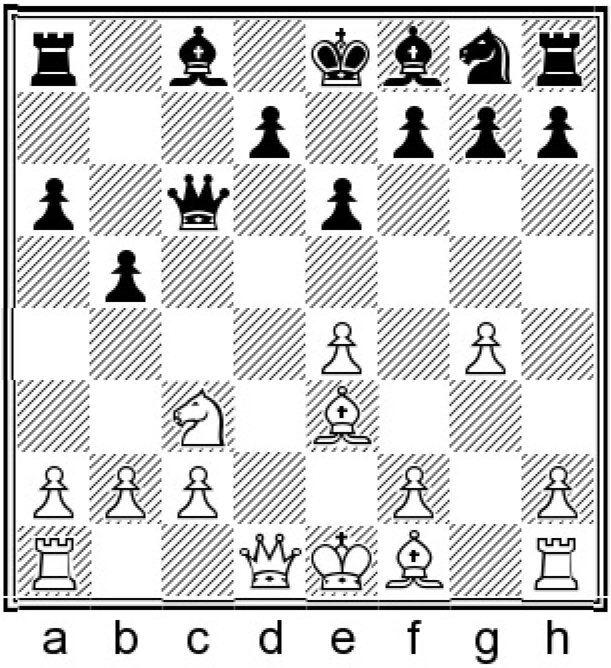
(13.a3 ♗d6 14.♔b1 ♘e7∞) 13...h6! Black finds a way to develop his kingside pieces. 14.gxh6 (14.gxf6 ♘xf6 15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.♖g1 ♗c6∞ Black defends the d7-point by prophylactic means, thus preventing the penetration of the white rook to the 7th rank. He has the Bf8 resource as well at his disposal.) 14...♘xh6 15.a3 (15.♖g1 ♔f8∞) 15...♗xa3! 16.bxa3 (16.♗xb5 ♗xb2+ 17.♔xb2 axb5∞) 16...e5 17.♘xb5 (17.♗f2 ♕xc3 18.♕xd7+ ♔f8 19.♕d3 ♘f7∞ Both sides are having their powerful trumps. White is counting on his mighty bishop pair, while Black seeks advantage in active piece play and attack on the white pawns (h2, f3, c2, a3).; 17.♘e2 exd4 18.♘xd4 ♘f7∞) 17...axb5 18.♗b2



18...♘f7! Correct move. White's knight is coming back to play and allows rook to activate along the h-file. (18...d5?! Perhaps the World Champion mixed up the moves which could have resulted in serious difficulties. 19.♗xb5+ ♔f8 20.♕b4+ (20.♗a4?! d4∞ Grandelius,Nils 2672 - Carlsen,Magnus

2865, Wijk aan Zee 2022) 20...♔g8 21.♕b3±) 19.h4 (19.♗xb5 ♗c6 20.♗xc6 ♕xc6↑ White cannot prevent the activation of the black knight to c4 via d6, or to e6 via g5.) 19...d5 20.♗xb5+ (20.♗h3 ♖d8 21.♕g2 d4! 22.♕xg7 ♔e7∞ The threat is Rdg8. Black is intending Nd6-c4 manoeuvre.) 20...♔f8 21.exd5 (21.♕b4+ ♔g8 22.♖d2 d4 23.♖g2 ♖h7∞; 21.♗a4 d4 22.♗b3 ♗a6∞ with the Bc4 idea.) 21...♗xd5 22.♗a6 ♗xf3∞

**8.♘xc6 ♕xc6**



**9.♕d2!** A new idea, utilised for the first time in 2021 and with already some 50 games in the database. White does not waste time for the a3-move, but instead goes for quick development and sacrifice of the central pawn. Unfortunately, I was one of the first victims of this idea in the game against Russian GM Alexandr Predke.

**9...b4** Most likely, the wisest response is to accept the sacrifice and embark on the adventure.

9...♘f6?! 10.f3 We reached a slightly inferior version of the English attack in the Paulsen Sicilian.

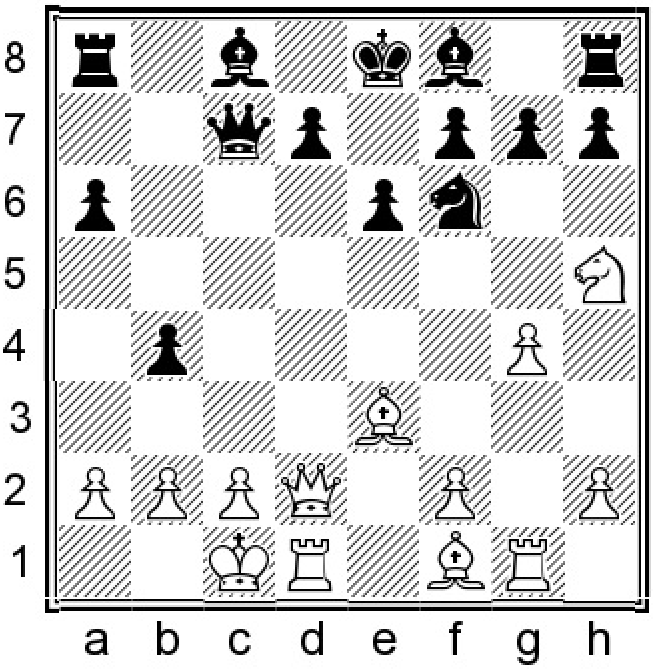
If Black insists on continuing in the "Paulsen" style he can easily end up in trouble: 9...♗b7 10.O-O-O ♘f6 (10...♖c8 11.♗g2 Threatening e5. 11...♗b4 12.♗d4 f6 13.f4±) 11.f3 b4 (11...d5 12.g5 b4 13.gxf6 bxc3 14.♕d4 gxf6 15.♕xf6 cxb2+ 16.♔b1±) 12.♘e2 d5 13.e5 ♘d7 14.♘d4 ♕c7 15.f4± We have a typical French position on the board with a great spatial advantage for White on the kingside. He will soon seize a dangerous initiative.

**10.♘e2 ♕xe4 11.♖g1 ♕c4** A fine multi-purpose move. The queen moves away from a potentially dangerous square on the long diagonal, preventing White from castling long at the same time. Also, the black queen is able to return to her "base" on c7.

**12.♘f4**

12.♘g3 ♕c7 Transposing into the main line.

**12...♕c7 13.O-O-O ♘f6 14.♘h5**



Now we reach an important crossroads for Black. He must choose one of the following paths:

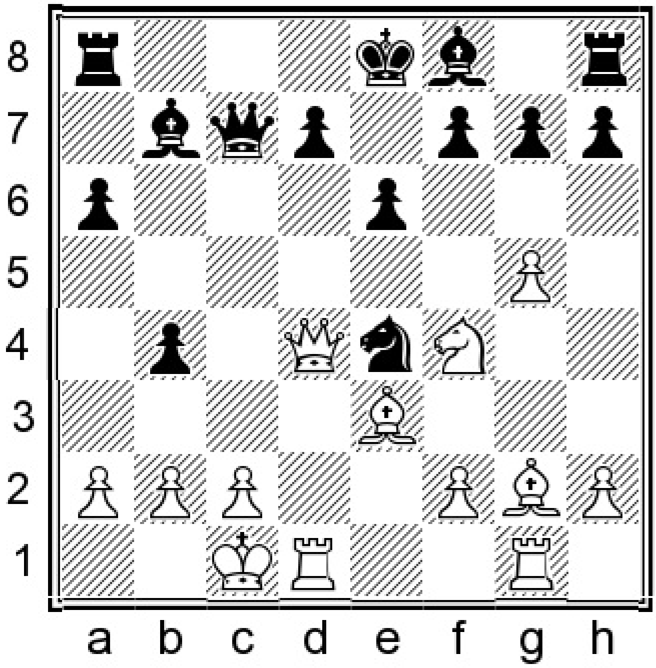
1. Capture on h5, thus opening the g-file for the white rook, but also allowing the f-pawn to advance which could prove to be significant in later stage of play.

2. Transfer the knight to d5, followed by g6 chasing away the white knight, relieving the pressure.

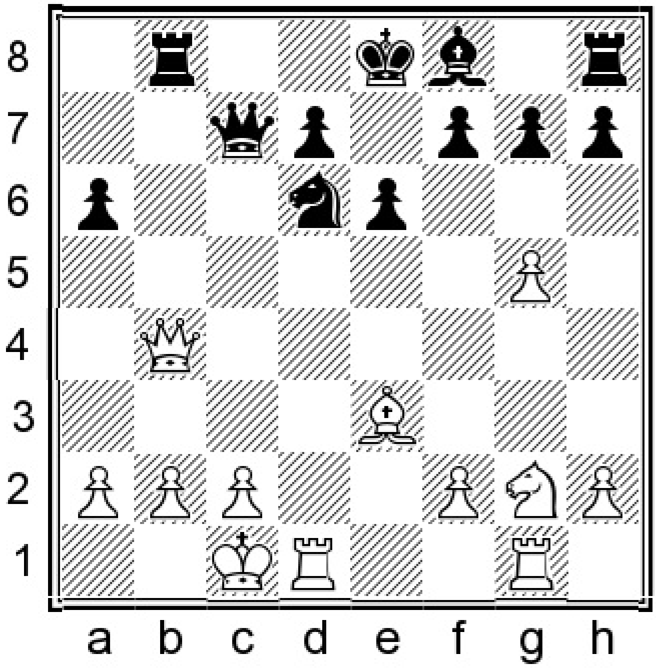
3. Continuing development with Bb7, allowing White to ruin our kingside structure.

All three options are correct and lead to highly unclear positions.

White should not rush with 14.g5?! ♘e4 15.♕d4 ♗b7 16.♗g2



16...♘d6! Black returns the pawn transferring his knight to a great f5-square. 17.♕xb4 ♗xg2 18.♘xg2 ♖c8! (18...♖b8

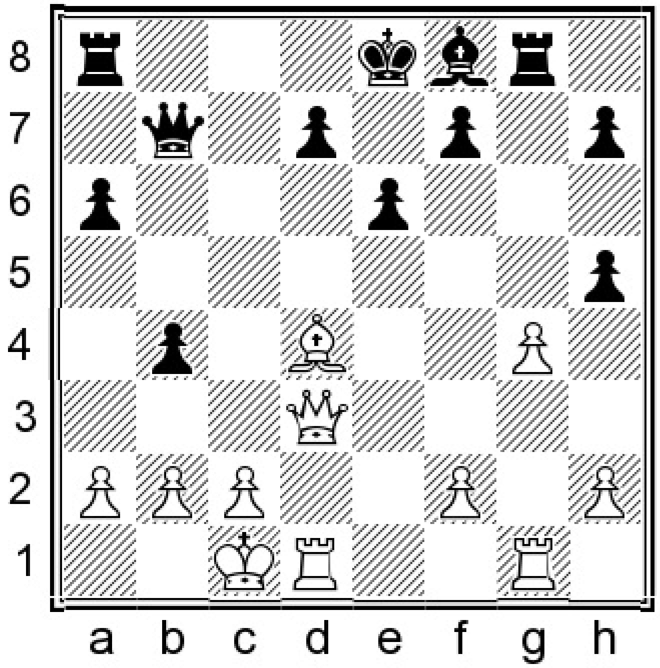


(Karjakin,Sergey 2758 - Rapport,Richard 2760, Stavanger 2021) 19.♕c5! ♕xc5 20.♗xc5 ♘f5 21.♗xf8 ♖xf8 22.♘e3=) 19.♕a4 ♗e7∓ In view of the Nf5, Qc6 idea;

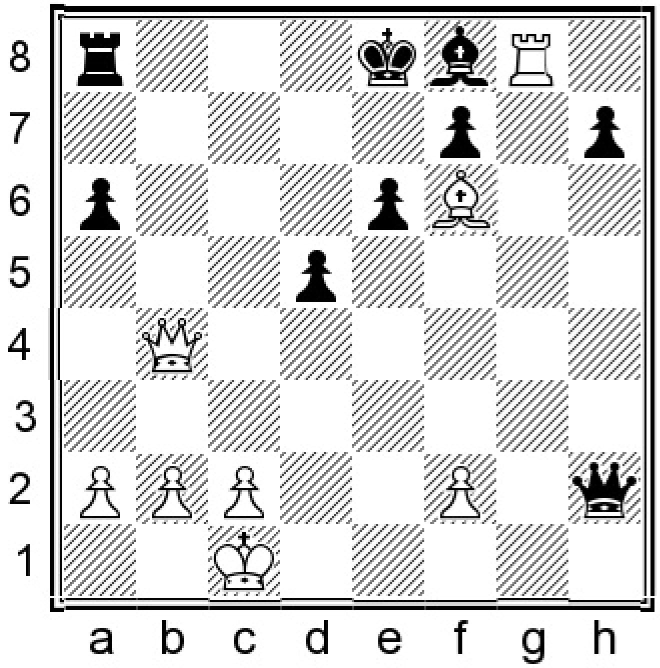
14.♗g2 ♗b7 15.♗xb7 ♕xb7 16.f3 d6∓ Bartel,Mateusz 2597 - Movsesian,Sergei 2627, Riga 2021

**14...♗b7**

14...♘d5 15.♗d4 ♖g8 16.♕d3 (16.♗d3 ♗b7 17.♗xh7 ♖h8 18.♗e4 O-O-O∞) 16...g6 (16...b3 17.♕xb3 ♖b8 18.♕c4 ♕xc4 19.♗xc4±) 17.♗g2! gxh5 18.♗xd5 ♗b7 19.♗xb7 ♕xb7



20.g5!? White does not want to exchange major pieces on the g-file, thus leaving the black rook on g8 out of play with the pawn weaknesses on h7 and h5. (20.gxh5 ♖xg1 21.♖xg1 ♕d5! Black should bring his queen close to his own king and create some concrete threats. 22.♗f6 (22.b3 f5 23.♕e3 ♕e4∞ Esipenko,Andrey 2714 - Shankland, Samuel 2708, Wijk aan Zee 2022) 22...♕xh5 23.♖g8 ♕xh2 A cold-blooded decision! Black takes another pawn keeping control over the d6-square. 24.♕e4 (24.♕d4 threatening Bg7. 24...♖c8! 25.♗g7 ♕g1+ 26.♔d2 ♕g5+ 27.♔d3 ♕b5+ 28.♔e3 ♕g5+=) 24...d5 25.♕xb4



(25.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 26.♕xb4+ ♔g8 27.♕g4+ ♔f8=) 25...♕g1+! 26.♖xg1 ♗xb4 27.♖g8+ ♗f8 28.♖h8 ♖c8=) 20...♕b5 21.♕e4 ♖c8 22.h4 ♖g6 23.♔b1 ♕f5 (23...d5 24.♕f3 ♗g7 25.♗xg7 ♖xg7 26.♕xh5±) 24.♕e2 h6 25.f4!↑ with a highly dangerous initiative for White.;

14...♘xh5!? 15.gxh5 ♗b7 16.♗f4 (16.♗d4 ♖g8 17.♗d3 g6∞) 16...♕c6 We can conclude that the black queen always goes to c6. Why? First, she has a much greater activity on c6, and also we wish to provoke White to develop his light-squared bishop to g2 thus forcing the exchange of the bishops. With each and every trade Black's position becomes more comfortable. Therefore, we never push d5 if White develops Bg2! 17.♗e5 ♖g8 18.♗d3 f5 19.♔b1 ♕d5 20.f4 ♔f7 21.♕e1 (The bishop sacrifice makes the life much easier for Black, and after a series of forced moves we reach a roughly equal rook ending. 21.♗xf5 exf5 22.♕xd5+ ♗xd5 23.♖xd5 d6! 24.♗xd6 ♗xd6 25.♖xd6 ♖gd8 26.♖b6 ♖db8 27.♖xb8 ♖xb8=) 21...♕c6∞ It is not certain if White can make his initiative any stronger.

**15.♗b6**

15.♗f4 ♕c6 16.♘xf6+ (16.♗e5?! (Ali Marandi,Cemil Can 2542 - Maiti,Milind 2395, Charlotte 2021) 16...♘e4! 17.♕e3 f6 18.♗d4 e5 19.♗b6 d5∓) 16...gxf6 17.g5 f5 18.♗e5 ♖g8 19.♗f6 ♕d5 (19...a5!?) 20.♕xd5 ♗xd5 21.♖xd5! White destroys Black's pawn structure by means of an exchange sacrifice. 21...exd5 22.♗d3 ♗d6 23.♗xf5 h5 24.♗h7 ♖g6! Black returns the exchange. 25.♖e1+ ♔f8 26.♗xg6 fxg6 27.h3 ♖c8∞ Black has a tad weaker pawn structure, but a great piece activity as decent compensation.

**15...♕c6**

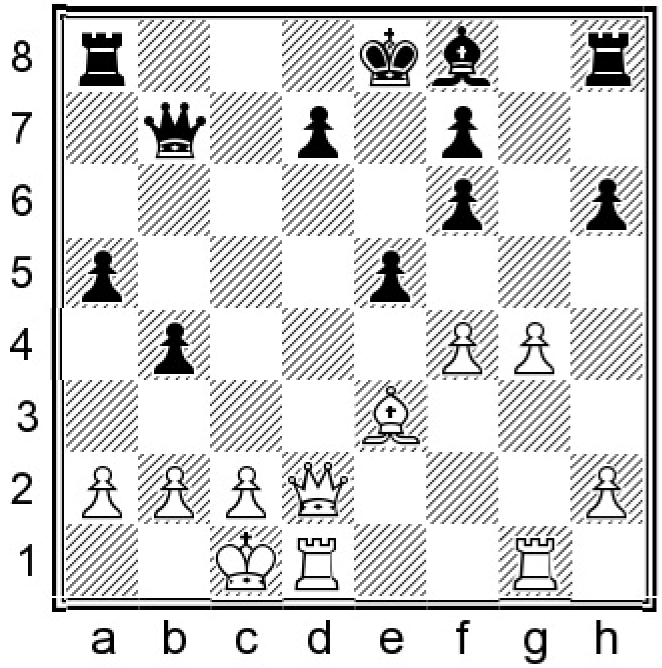
15...♕c8?! 16.♘xf6+ gxf6 17.♗d4 ♗e7 (17...e5 18.g5!) 18.g5 ♖g8 19.♗d3 fxg5 20.♗xh7 ♖f8 21.♖xg5!±

**16.♗g2**

16.♗d4 ♘xh5 17.gxh5 ♖g8 18.♔b1 (18.♗d3 f5∞ (18...♕d5!?)) 18...f5∞

**16...♕c8 17.♘xf6+ gxf6 18.♗xb7 ♕xb7 19.♗d4 e5 20.♗e3 h6** Prophylaxis against g5.

**21.f4 a5∞**



# DEVELOPMENTS

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## KING’S INDIAN, FIANCHETTO [A49]

### Part II

In my previous article I examined the line when White plays with 0-0 and chooses a more solid positional line. Here, White plays the sharp and more ambitious 0-0-0 idea trying to prepare for the quick h4-h5 attack. On his part, Black creates counterplay on the queenside with ... a5-a4. Black's development is not that easy to execute, as the d7-knight is pinned and the c8-bishop cannot develop easily.

Let's dig a bit deeper into this intriguing line!

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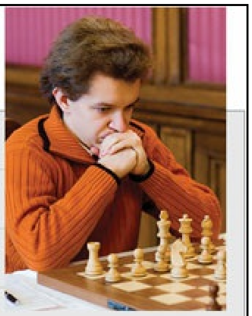
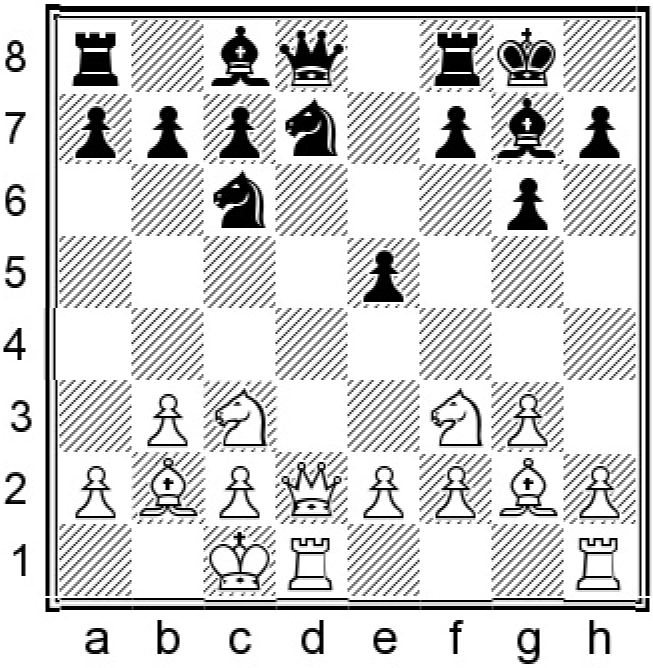


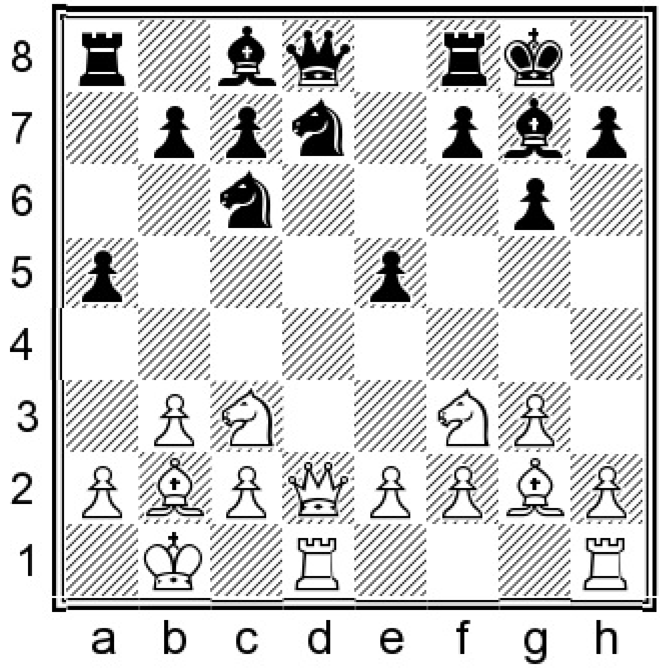
- **Country:** Hungary
- **Born:** 1989
- **Rating:** 2480
- **Peak rating:** 2564
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2010

### 10.0-0-0/11.♔b1

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.b3 O-O 5.♗b2 d6 6.♗g2 e5 7.dxe5 ♘fd7 8.♘c3 dxe5 9.♕d2 ♘c6 10.O-O-O**

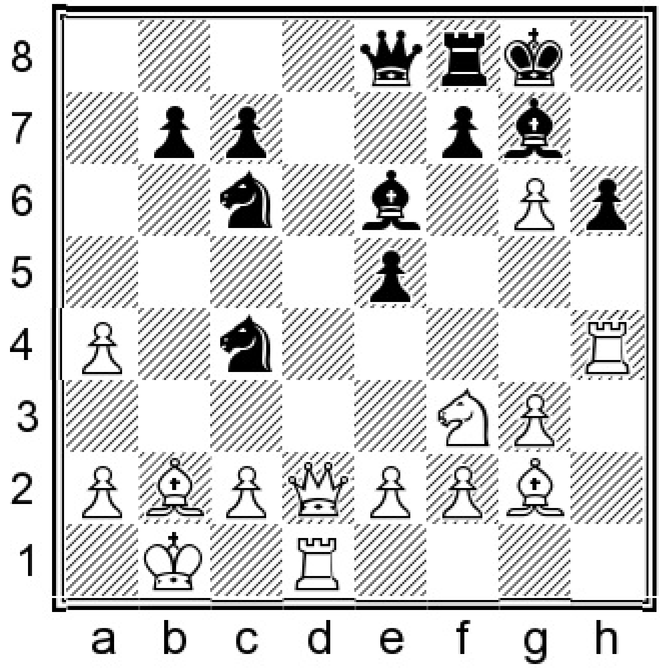


**10...a5 11.♔b1**

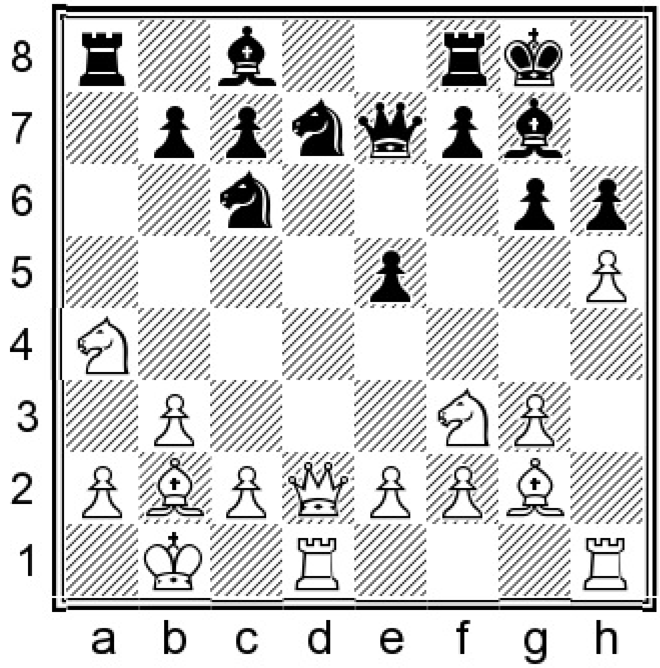


**11...a4!** is a typical pawn sacrifice for the attack on the queenside.

11...h6 12.h4 a4 should have been played. (12...♘b6? The endgame usually favours White. 13.♕xd8 ♘xd8 14.♘b5± Sredojevic,Ivan 2368 - Ongut,Tamas Gunes 2127, Budapest 2017) 13.♘xa4 ♕e7 (13...♖xa4?! 14.bxa4 ♕e8 15.h5 ♘b6 (15...g5? 16.♘xg5! hxg5 17.♕xg5 ♕e7 18.♕e3+-) 16.♖h4! ♗e6 17.hxg6 fxg6 (17...♘c4



18.♖xc4! ♗xc4 19.♕d7+-) 18.♗h3 and White should be better, but practically it is hard to evaluate this position.) 14.♘c3 (14.h5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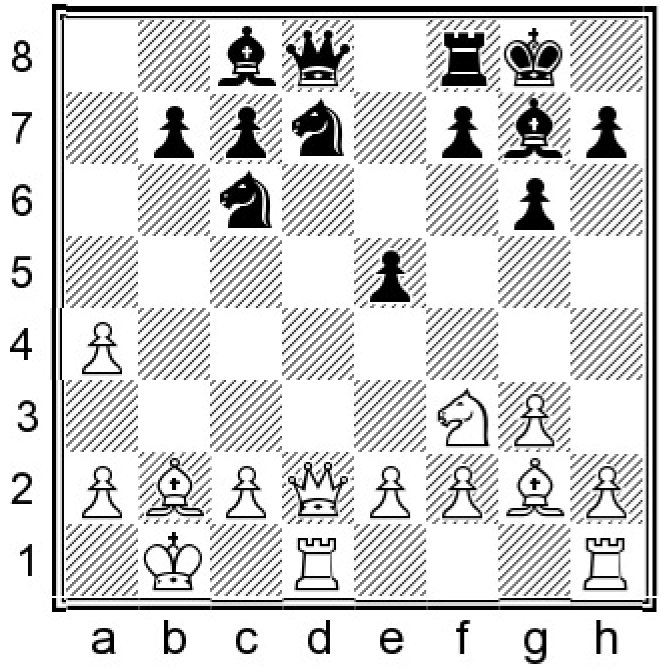
14...♖xa4! 15.bxa4 ♘b6⇄) 14...♘f6 (14...♘b6!?) 15.h5 ♘xh5 16.♘d5 ♕c5 17.♘xc7 ♖a7 18.e4 ♘f6⯹

**12.♘xa4 ♖xa4!** A great exchange sacrifice with which Black crushes the white king's position.

12...♕e7!?

**13.bxa4**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**13...♕e8!** A very accurate continuation, prepares for ...Nb6.

In case of 13...♕e7 White can play 14.♕c3 followed by Ba3. This is the reason why 13...Qe8! is more precise.

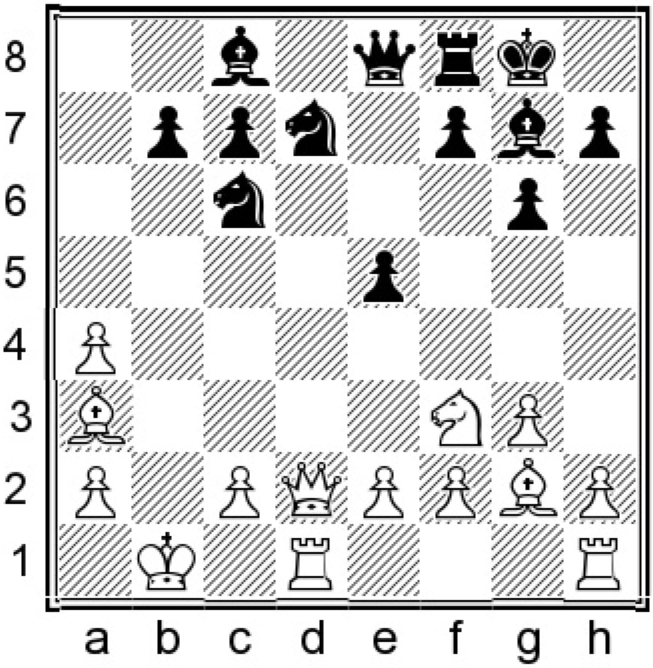
**14.♘g5**

14.e4? ♘c5↑;

14.a5 ♘c5⩱;

14.♗h3 ♘c5 15.♗xc8 ♕xc8 16.a5 ♕a8⇄;

14.♗a3

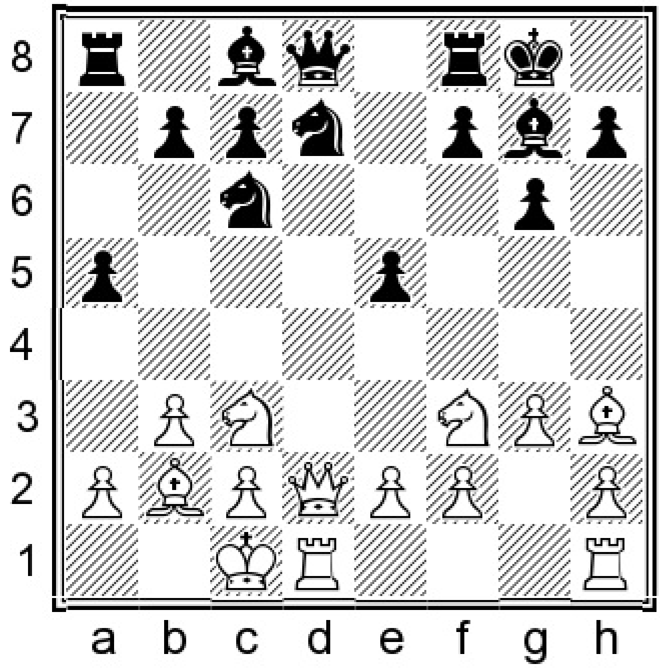


14...e4! 15.♘g5 ♘b6 (15...♕e5!? 16.c3 ♘c5→) 16.♗xf8 ♕xf8 17.♘xe4 ♗e6→

**14...♘b6⩱** In all similar lines Black has a nice pressure for the material.

## 11.♗h3

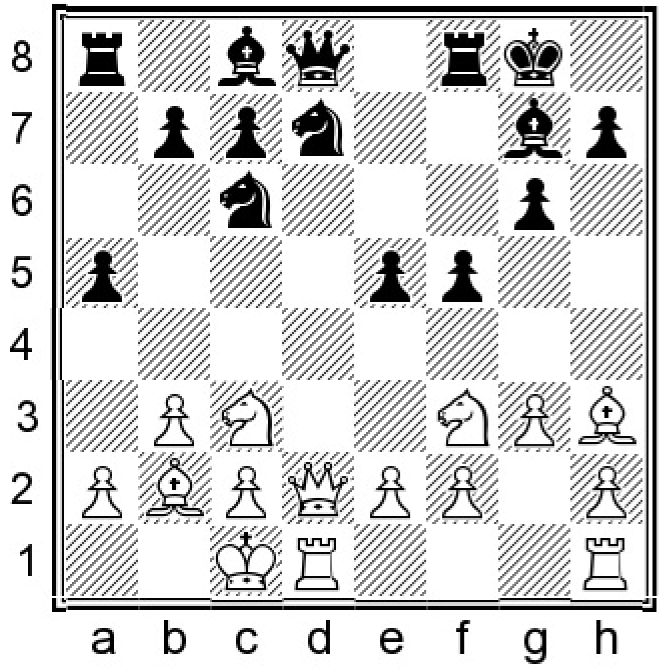
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.b3 O-O 5.♗b2 d6 6.♗g2 e5 7.dxe5 ♘fd7 8.♘c3 dxe5 9.♕d2 ♘c6 10.O-O-O a5 11.♗h3**



At first sight this is a strange move, because the bishop blocks the h-pawn. White would be happy to reach an endgame, however Black has another option too.

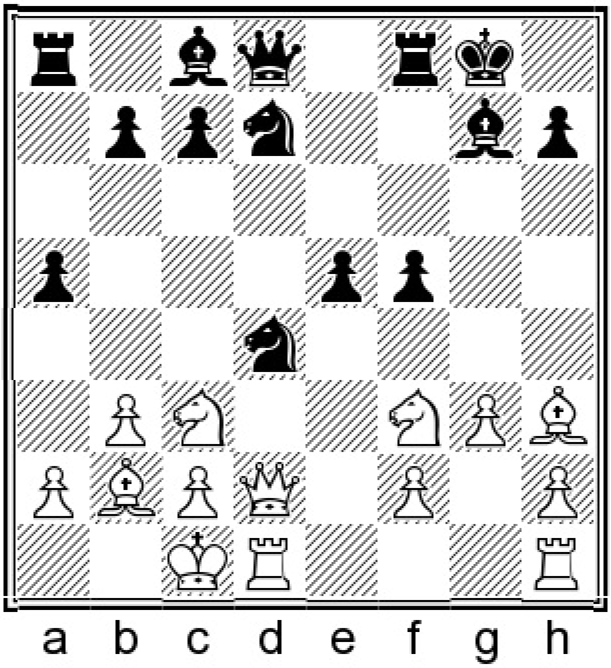
11.♕g5!? An interesting provoking move. 11...f6 (11...♕xg5+?! The exchange of queens is leading to a comfortable endgame for White. 12.♘xg5↑ Gaal,Zsoka 2166 - Fule,Simon 2250, tornelo.com (Internet-rapid) 2021) 12.♕e3 This is White's idea. He closes the g7-bishop and goes to e3 with his queen. Nevertheless, this is also quite a double-edged fight. 12...a4 13.♘xa4 ♕e7 14.♘c3 (14.♘d2!?) 14...♘b6 15.♔b1 f5⩱

**11...f5**

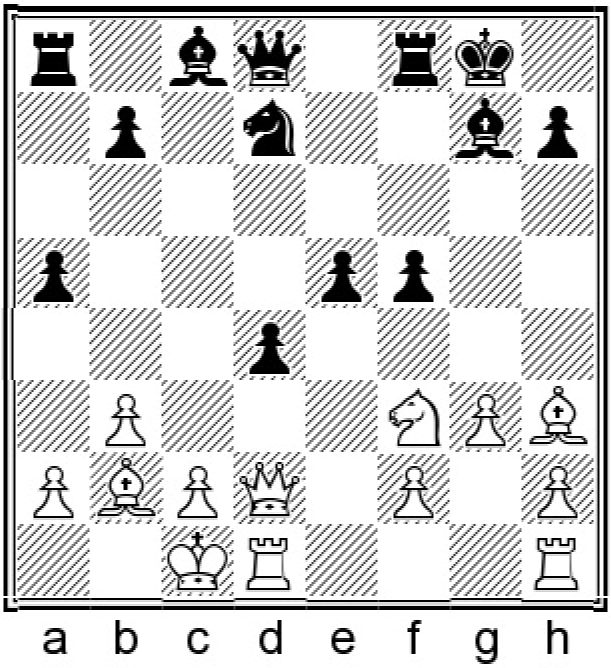


**12.♘b5!?**

12.e4 ♘d4 Suddenly, Black is active on d4 and he can continue with ...c5 soon. 13.exf5 gxf5



(13...♘b6!?) 14.♔b1 (14.♘b5?! c5 15.♘bxd4 (15.♘fxd4 exd4∞ (15...cxd4?! 16.f4!)) 15...cxd4



16.♖he1 (16.♕e2?! a4∓→ Black has a very strong attack. 17.♖he1 (17.♘h4 axb3 18.axb3 ♘b6 19.f4 e4! 20.♔b1 ♗e6 21.♕b5 ♘d5-+ Mesaros,Florian 2393 - Szabo, Krisztian 2513, Magyarorszag 2015) 17...♔h8∓) 16...a4∞) 14...c5∞

**12...a4 13.♘g5 axb3 14.axb3 ♖a5**

14...♕e7!?

**15.♘e6 ♕e7 16.♘exc7 ♘f6∞**

## 11.a4

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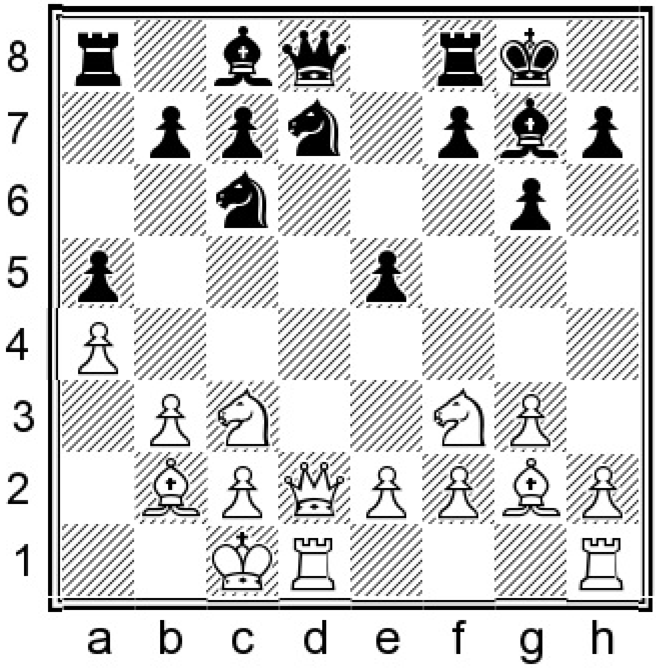
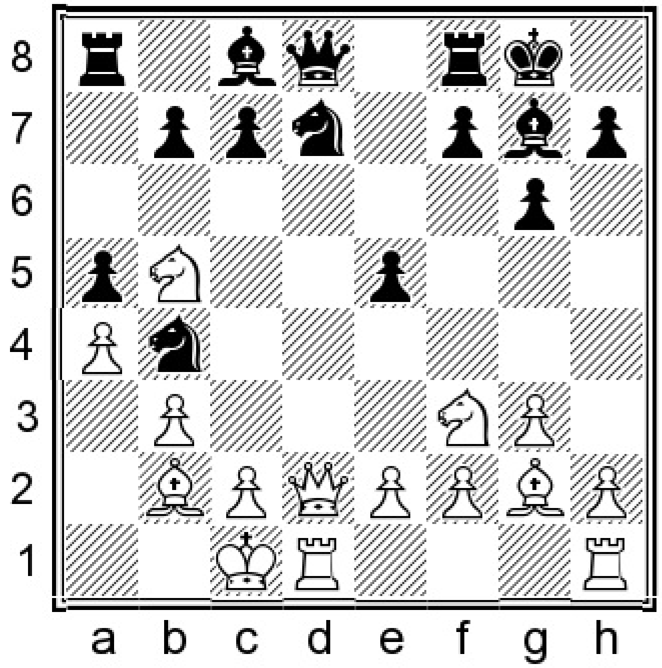


A logical reply to stop Black's attack. However, it weakens the b4-square, which can be a nice base for the black knight.

**11...♘b4**

11...♕e7? allows the temping knight move for White. 12.♘d5 ♕c5 13.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 14.fxe3± and White has a comfortable position, as in Ivanisevic,Ivan 2618 - Setyaki,Azarya Jodi 2398, Barcelona 2019

**12.♘b5**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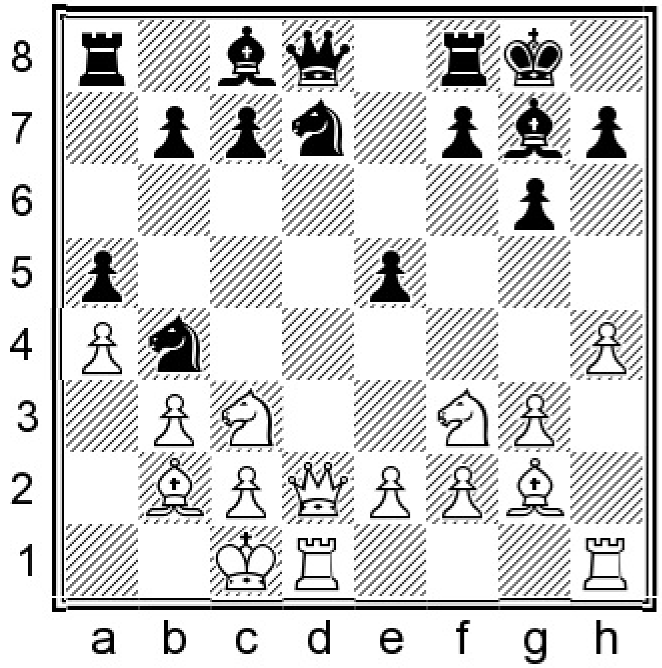
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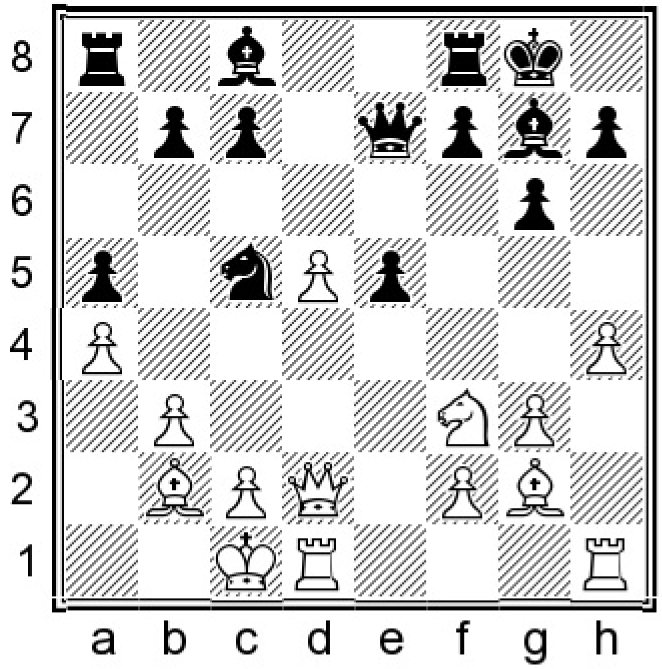
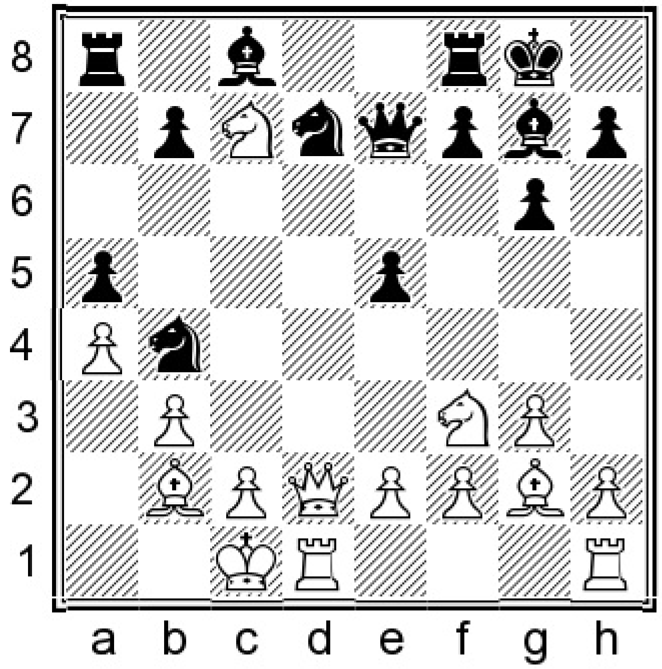
12...♕e7 (12...♖a6!? A creative way to bring the rook into the play. 13.e4 (13.♘b5 ♕e7⇄; 13.h5 ♖d6∞) 13...♖d6 (13...h5!?) 14.♕e3±) 13.h5 (13.e4 (Schebler,Gerhard 2439 - Horvath, Adam 2437, Koszeg 1999) 13...♘c5 (13...h5∞) 14.♘d5 ♘xd5 15.exd5



15...b5! 16.axb5 a4→) 13...e4 14.♘d4 ♘c5∞

**12...♕e7! 13.♘xc7**



**13...♘c5!!** What a brilliant tactical move!

**14.♘d5** White has to simplify the position.

The greedy 14.♘xa8? would be losing, because of 14...♗f5!-+ and suddenly the white king is undefendable.

**14...♘xd5 15.♕xd5 ♗e6**

15...♖a6!? 16.♘xe5 (16.♗xe5? ♗e6∓) 16...♗f5 17.♖d2 (17.♘d3?! ♗xb2+ 18.♔xb2 ♗xd3 19.exd3 ♖b6∓) 17...♖c8 18.♔d1 ♘xa4 19.bxa4 ♖b6 20.♘c4 ♖b4 21.e4 ♗e6 22.♕d6 ♕g5→

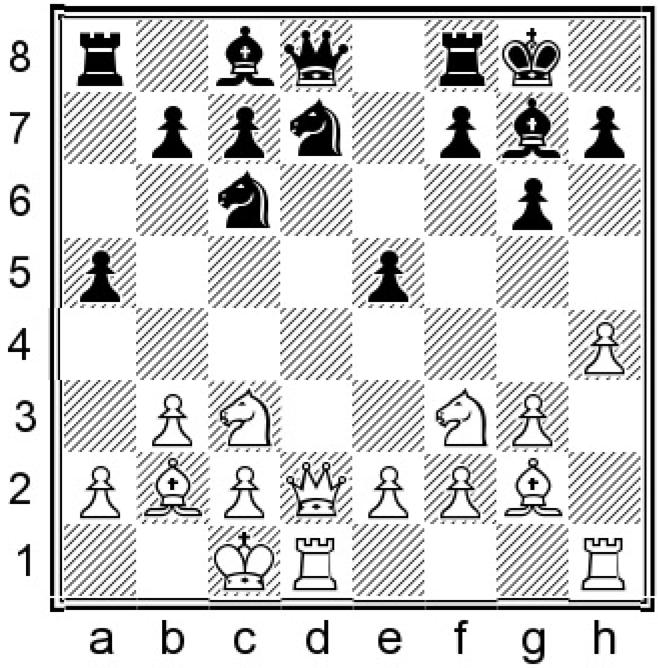
**16.♕d6 ♕xd6 17.♖xd6 ♖ac8 18.♔b1 ♘e4 19.♖b6 ♘xf2 20.♖f1∞**

20.♖f1 ♘e4∞

Maybe Black didn't send his move on time, or draw was agreed, but it is sure that White is not winning here. Minchev, Valentin - Parushev,Alexandar, corr 2009/10

## 11.h4/12.g4

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.b3 O-O 5.♗b2 d6 6.♗g2 e5 7.dxe5 ♘fd7 8.♘c3 dxe5 9.♕d2 ♘c6 10.O-O-O a5 11.h4**

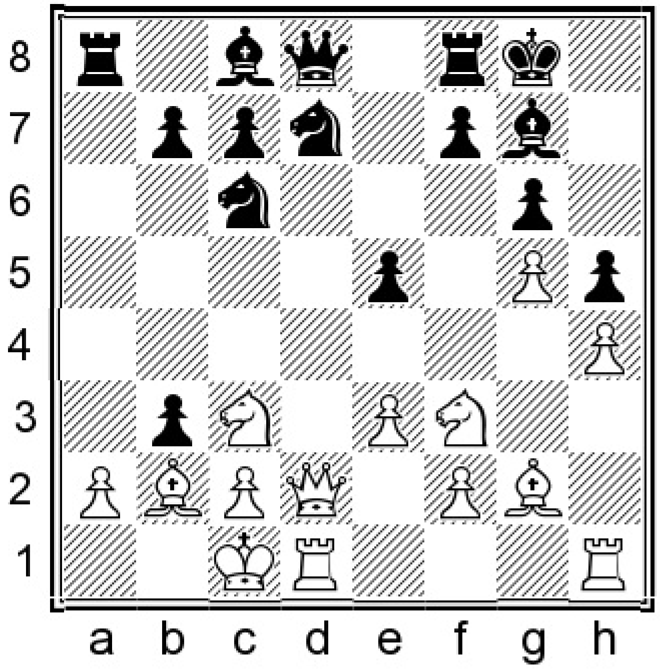


The straightforward continuation.

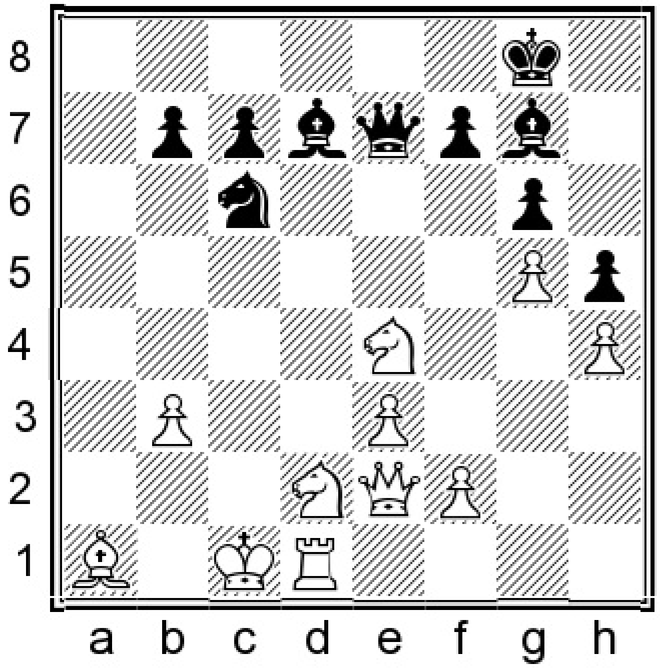
**11...h6** Black prepares to close the kingside by ...h5 and ...g5.

**12.g4 a4 13.♘xa4**

13.g5 axb3!? (13...h5 14.♘xa4 (14.e3?! axb3



15.axb3 (15.cxb3? The decisive mistake! Now Black has a winning attack. 15...♕e7 16.♔b1 (16.♘d5? ♕c5+ 17.♔b1 ♕a7-+; 16.♗h3?! ♘b4 17.♗xd7 ♖d8 18.a3 ♖xd7 19.♕e2 ♘c6 20.♖xd7 ♗xd7 21.♘d2 ♖xa3! The crushing move! 22.♖d1 e4 23.♘cxe4 ♖a1+! 24.♗xa1



24...♕a3+! What a nice finish of the game! 0 : 1 Kolev,Atanas 2510 - Polgar,Judit 2595, Budapest (zt) 1993) 16...♘b6∓) 15...♘b4 16.♗h3 (Dizdar,Goran 2535 - Spasov,Vasil 2575, Yerevan (ol) 1996) 16...♕e7!⇄) 14...♕e7 see 13.Na4) 14.axb3 (14.gxh6 bxc2) 14...h5∞

**13...♕e7**

The previous games mentioned sacrifice by 13...♖xa4!? 14.bxa4 ♕e8 which was also a possibility.

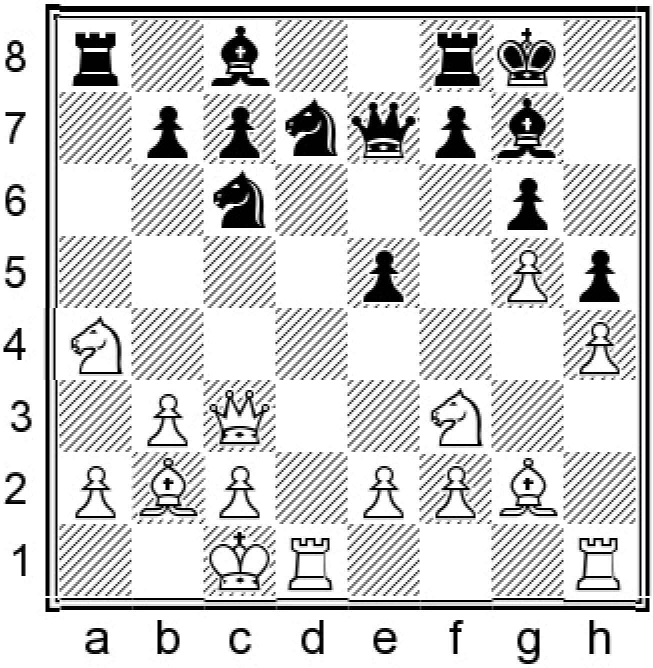
**14.g5**

14.♔b1? (Radjabov,Teimour 2325 - Zhao,Zong-Yuan, Oropesa del Mar 1998) 14...♖xa4! Black should have played this typical sacrifice. 15.bxa4 ♘b6→ with a strong attack against the white king;

14.♘c3 e4→

**14...h5 15.♕e3**

15.♕c3?!



15...♘b6! 16.♘xb6 cxb6 17.♔b1 ♗f5∓

**15...♘b6 16.♘c3**

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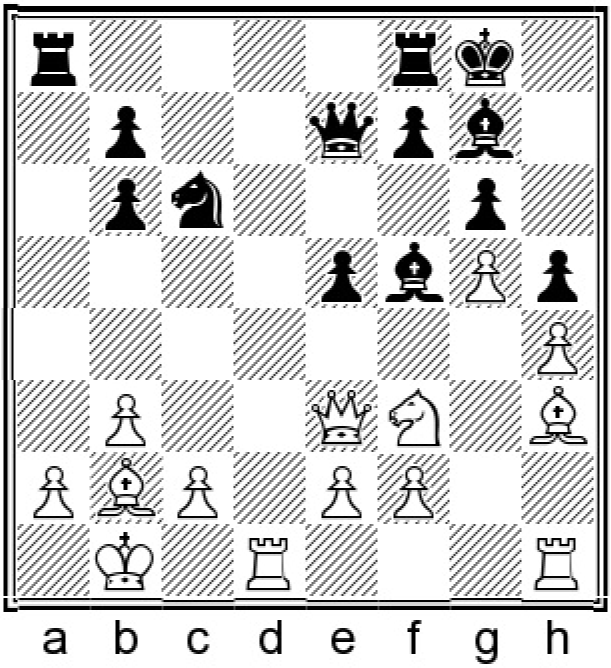
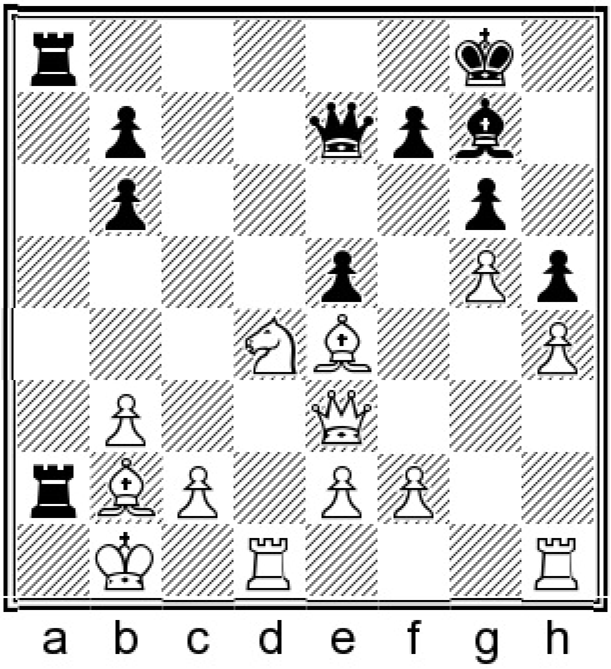


18...♖xa2!! What a wonderful tactical blow! 19.♗xf5 (19.♔xa2? ♗xc2-+ followed by ...Ra8.) 19...♖fa8 20.♕c3 (20.♗e4? ♘d4! 21.♘xd4



(21.♕d3 ♗f8-+) 21...♖xb2+! Another great intermediate move! 22.♔xb2 ♕a3+ 23.♔c3 exd4+ 24.♖xd4 ♖d8 25.♔d3 (25.♖d1 ♕c5+-+) 25...♗xd4 26.♕xd4 ♖xd4+ 27.♔xd4 ♕c5+ 28.♔d3 ♕xf2∓ with good winning chances for Black.) 20...gxf5∞) 17...♗f5 (17...♕c7) 18.♗h3 ♗xh3 19.♖xh3 ♕b4 20.♖d5 ♖a5 21.♖xa5 (21.♗c3 ♕a3+ 22.♗b2 ♕b4=) 21...bxa5=∞

**16...♗f5 17.♔b1 ♖fd8**

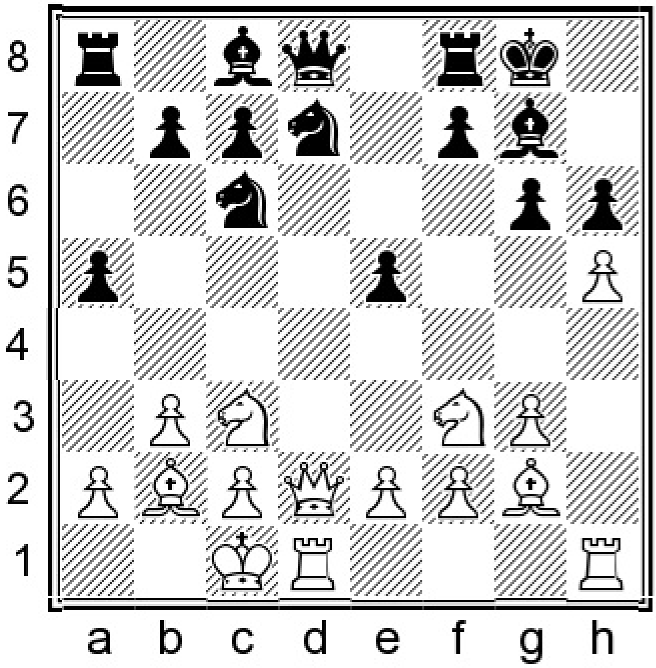
17...♘b4? 18.♘d4!+-;

17...♕b4!?

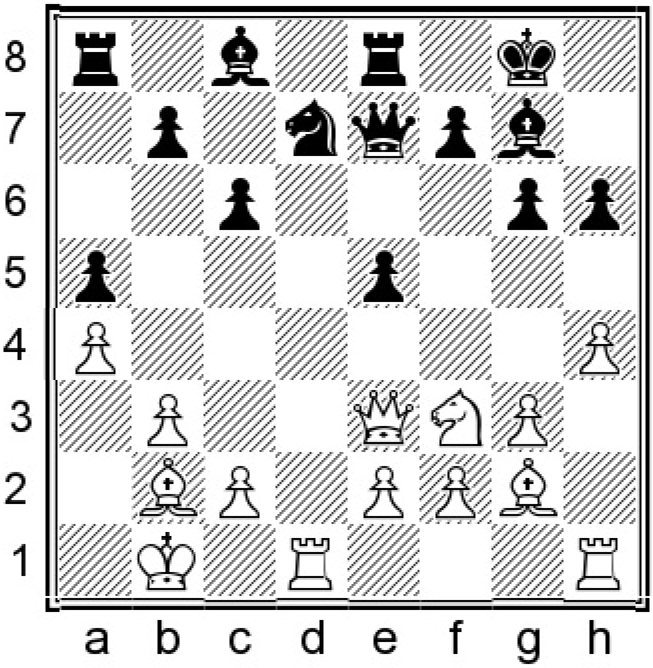
**18.♘d2 ♘b4 19.♘de4 ♖d4 20.f3 c6=∞**

## 11.h4/12.h5

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.b3 O-O 5.♗b2 d6 6.♗g2 e5 7.dxe5 ♘fd7 8.♘c3 dxe5 9.♕d2 ♘c6 10.O-O-O a5 11.h4 h6 12.h5**



12.a4 ♘b4 Similar like in the previous games. 13.♕e3 (13.h5 g5 14.♘e1 ♕e7 15.♘d3 ♘b6∞) 13...♕e7 14.♘d5 ♘xd5 15.♖xd5 c6 16.♖dd1 ♖e8 (16...f5!?) 17.♔b1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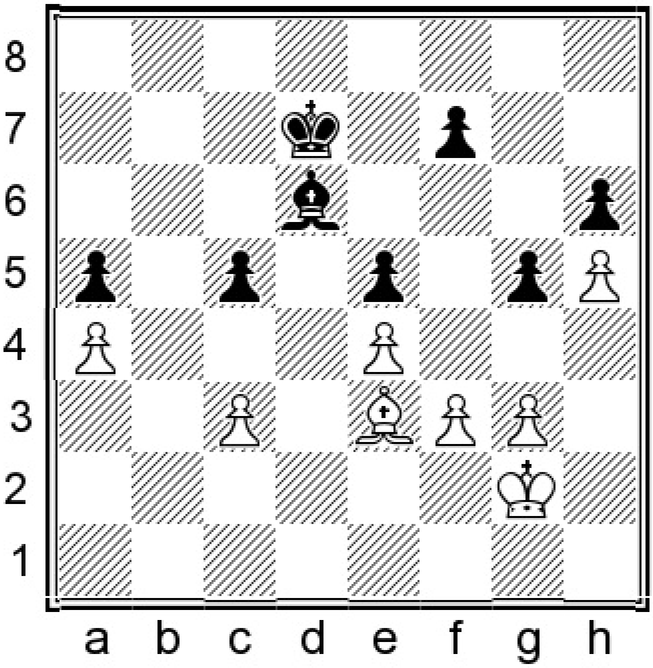
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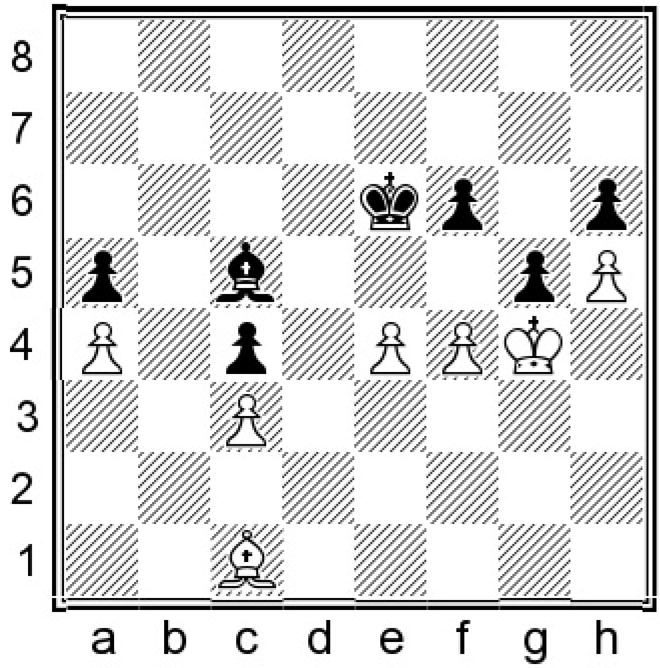

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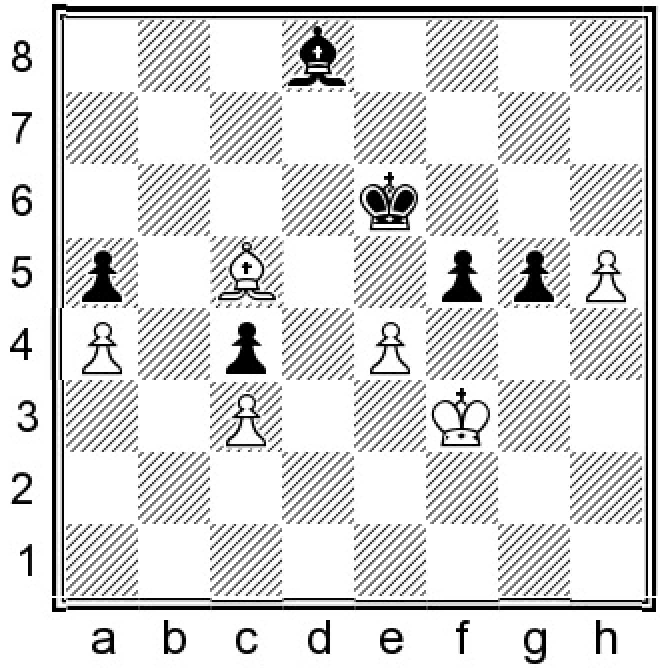

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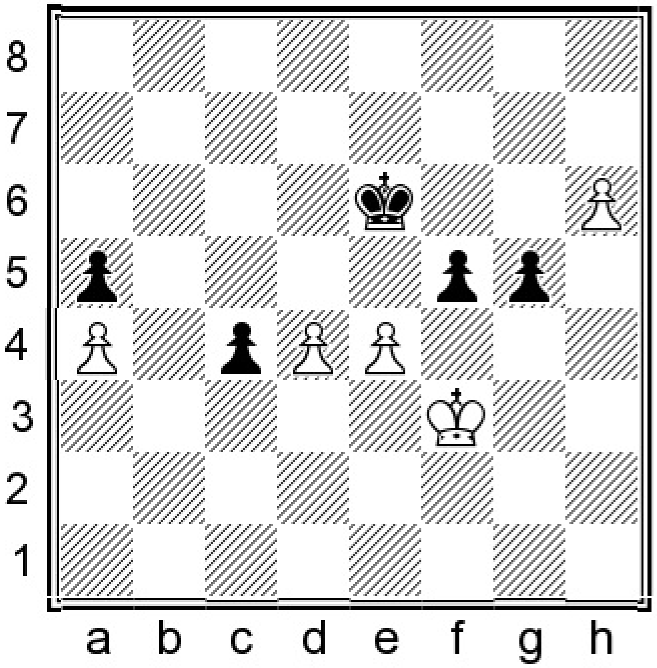


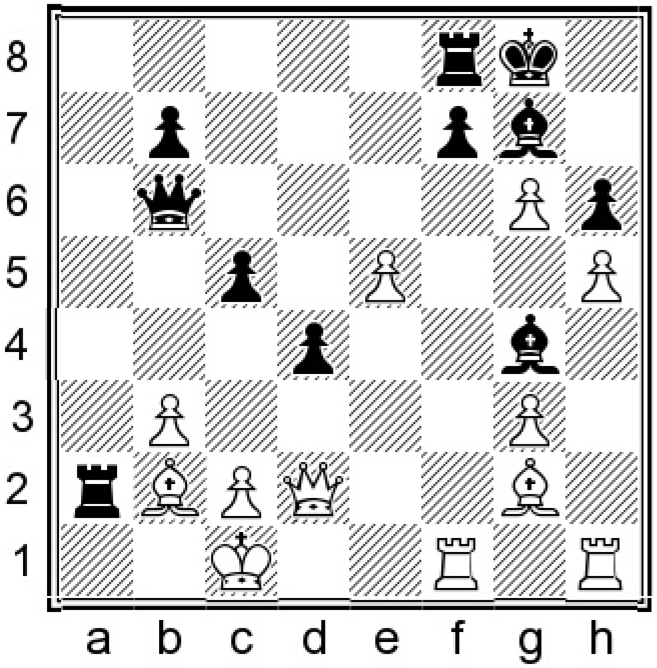
54...♔f7!= (54...g4+? 55.♔e2 1 : 0 Sindarov,Javokhir 2544 - Setyaki,Azarya Jodi 2389, tornelo.com (Internet) 2021))))) 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♘d2 ♘f6 20.♘c4 ♘d5∓ and Black looks nicely placed.

**12...g5 13.e4**

13.a4 ♘b4 is transposing to 12.a4.

**13...♘d4** After e4 White always has to calculate with this knight jump followed by the stabilising ...c5.

**14.♘d5 c5 15.♘xd4 exd4 16.f4 a4 17.e5 axb3 18.axb3** (Saric,Ante 2528 - Van der Weide, Karel 2445, Sevilla 2012) **18...♘b6 19.♘xb6 ♕xb6 20.fxg5 ♗g4 21.♖df1 ♖a2 22.g6**



**22...♕a6**

22...♖fa8? 23.♗d5 (23.gxf7+? ♔f8∓) 23...♕a6 24.♕d3±

**23.gxf7+ ♖xf7 24.♔b1 ♖d7 25.♕d3 ♕xd3 26.cxd3 ♖a6⯹**

## Conclusion

Well, as we have seen from the games all ensuing middlegames are really complicated. Black sacrifices an exchange on a4 several times (after ...a5-a4, ♘a4, ...♖a4) and usually he has a decent compensation for it. At least he has practical chances. The endgame usually favours White, since Black doesn't really like to play with his d7-knight before a queen move. Theoretical knowledge is important, not least because of the previously mentioned sharp line. Nevertheless, this line is playable with both colours.

# IVAN'S SHORT CUTS

By GM Ivan Ivanišević

## POSITIONAL ZUGZWANG

In this article, I will deal with the topic of Zugzwang, a very popular and attractive motif in which we leave the opponent without a choice so he is obliged to play a forced move. Zugzwang is most often seen in endings with a small number of pieces. It is a real rarity to see this motif in the middlegame. The reason is the great number of possibilities due to the larger number of pieces on the board.

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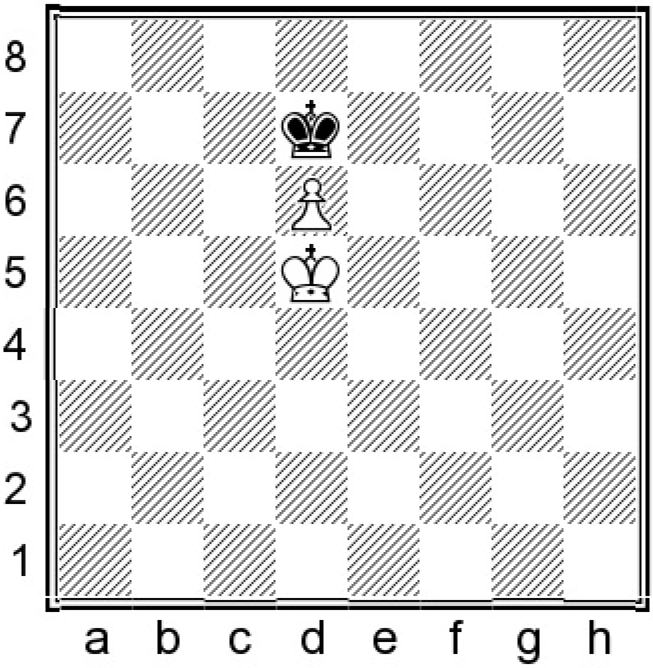
Carlsen's games against Fedoseev at the World Cup encouraged me to explore this interesting topic. In the mini-match for the third place, Carlsen brought his rival in positional Zugzwang in the middlegame phase of both games. First, let's look at a few examples of endings so we can recall the original meaning of Zugzwang.

**Basic Example**



We have a basic king and pawn vs king ending on the board. With accurate play Black will force White to stalemate him.

**1.♔e5 ♔d8**

1...♔e8?? 2.♔e6 ♔d8 3.d7 Black ends up in Zugzwang! He is forced to relinquish the crucial d8-square and White promotes his pawn. 3...♔c7 4.♔e7+-

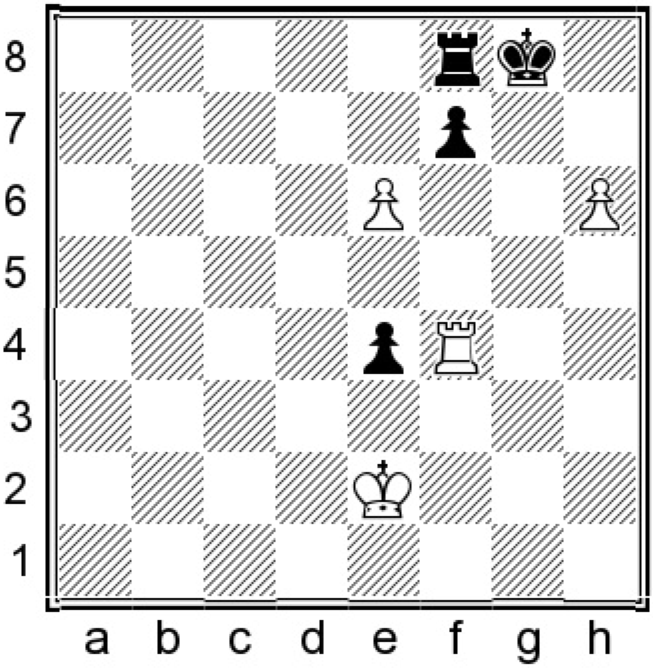
**2.♔e6 ♔e8 3.d7+ ♔d8**

Now White is in Zugzwang and loses the pawn, or allows stalemate.

**4.♔d6** Stalemate. This is the basic example of mutual Zugzwang that leads to a draw.

Zugzwang is one of favourite themes in chess studies.

**Prokop, Frantisek**
**1935**



White uses very simple means to leave Black without any good moves.

**1.♖f6!** The black king and rook cannot move, while the f7-pawn cannot capture on e6 due to the h7 deflection motif!

Therefore, Black must push his e-pawn.

**1...e3**

1...fxe6 2.h7+ ♔g7 3.♖xf8 ♔xf8 4.h8=♕++-;

1...♖a8 2.♖xf7+-

**2.♔f1**

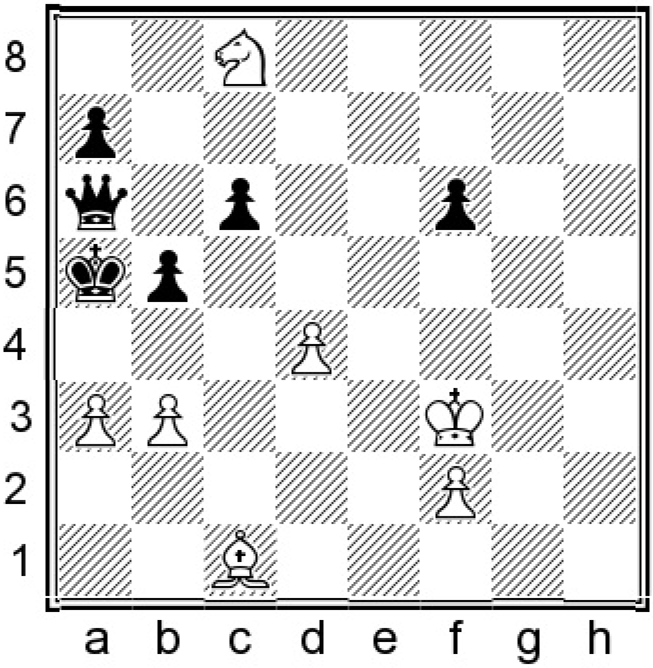
White's idea fails in case of 2.♔xe3? ♖e8!=

**2...e2+ 3.♔e1**

Black has no more moves with the e-pawn, so he must make a move that leads to a loss.

**3...fxe6 4.h7++-** and White wins.

**Example**



White makes use of an extremely awkward position of Black's royal couple in a rather entertaining manner.

**1.♗d2+! b4 2.♗xb4+ ♔b5 3.♘d6+ ♔b6 4.♗a5+! ♔xa5**

4...♕xa5 5.♘c4+ ♔b5 6.♘xa5 ♔xa5 7.♔f4+-

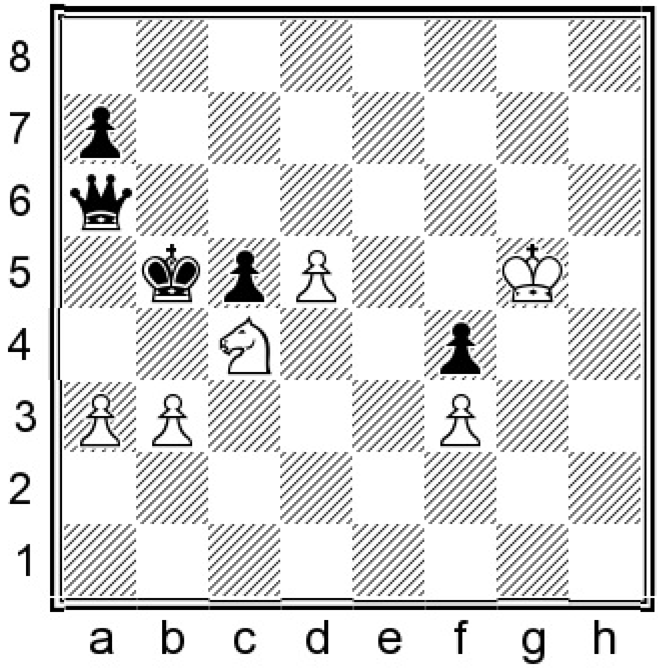
**5.♘c4+ ♔b5**

5...♕xc4 6.bxc4 ♔a4 7.♔e4+- Followed by d5 and White is quicker.

**6.♔f4!! c5!** Making room for the queen.

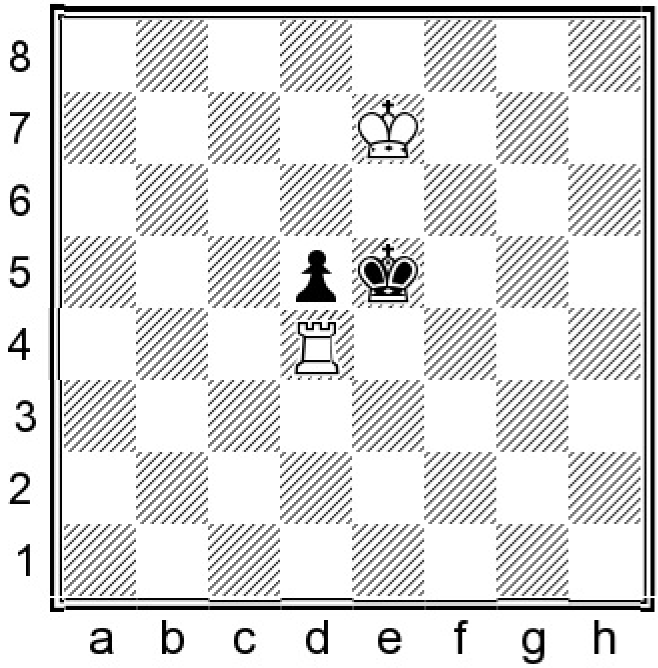
Zugzwang is reached via different move order as well: 6...f5 7.♔g5!! f4 8.f3 c5 9.d5+-

**7.d5 f5 8.♔g5! f4 9.f3!+-**



The black king is stalemated, so he is forced to make a queen move and lose the game. White's knight dominates the enemy queen in a really spectacular way!

**Reti, Richard**
**1922**

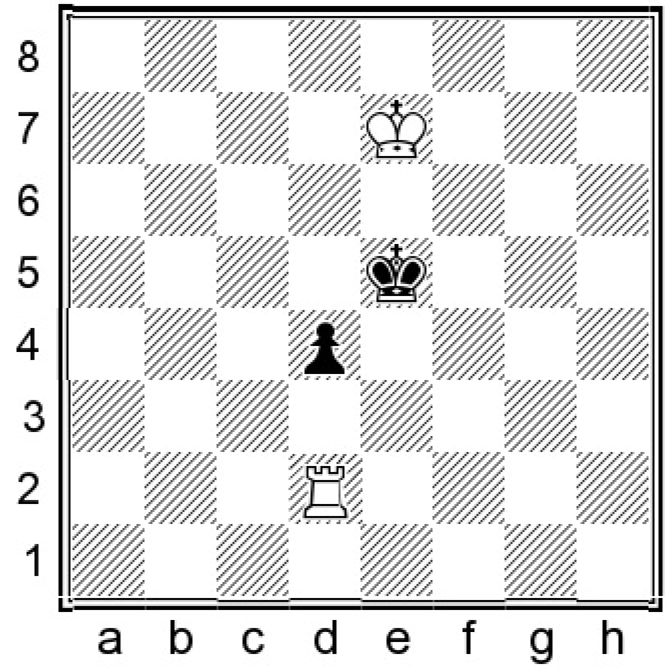


In this olden study we witness a highly accurate manoeuvres by White. In order to win the game White must involve his king in the pawn hunt. However, straightforward play does not lead to success, so White must find a nuance and lose a tempo passing the move to Black!

**1.♖d2!!**

A "natural" move does not bring home a full point. 1.♖d1 leads to a draw: 1...d4 2.♔d7 ♔d5! 3.♔c7 ♔c5! 4.♔b7 (4.♖c1+ ♔b4 5.♔d6 d3 6.♔d5 d2= and Black wins a crucial tempo that allows him to secure a draw.) 4...♔c4 5.♔c6 d3 6.♔d6 ♔d4=

**1...d4**



**2.♖d1!!** The winning manoeuvre! The black king must move and allow his counterpart to approach.

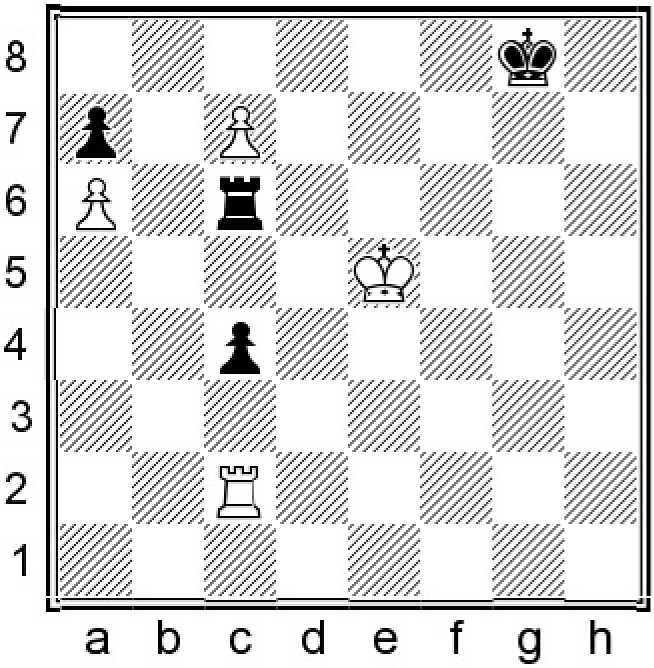
**2...♔e4**

On 2...♔d5 3.♔d7 and the black king is in Zugzwang. White will reach either c6 or e6 with his king, thus cathing the black pawn right on time.

**3.♔d6 d3 4.♔c5 ♔e3 5.♔c4 d2 6.♔c3+-** and White wins.

Take a look at one more example:

**Prokes, Ladislav**
**1951**



**1.♖b2! ♖xc7 2.♖b8+ ♔f7**

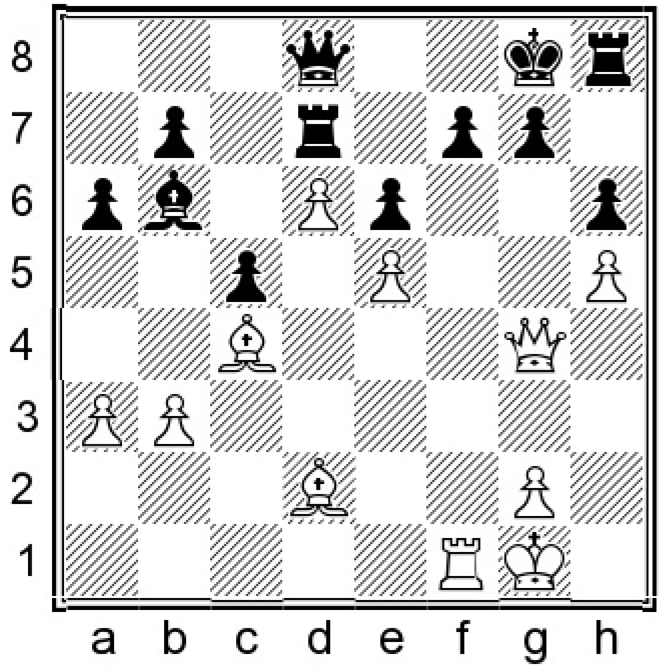
2...♔g7 3.♖b7 ♖f7 4.♔e6+-

**3.♖b7 ♖e7+ 4.♔d6+-** and Black is in Zugzwang so he must take the rook on b7.

As I mentioned earlier these two Carlsen's games against Fedoseev impressed me a great deal. The Champion managed to put his mighty rival in Zugzwang in the middlegame.

Take a look at the first game.

**Carlsen, Magnus (2847) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696)**
**Krasnaya Polyana (m/2) 149/29, 2021**

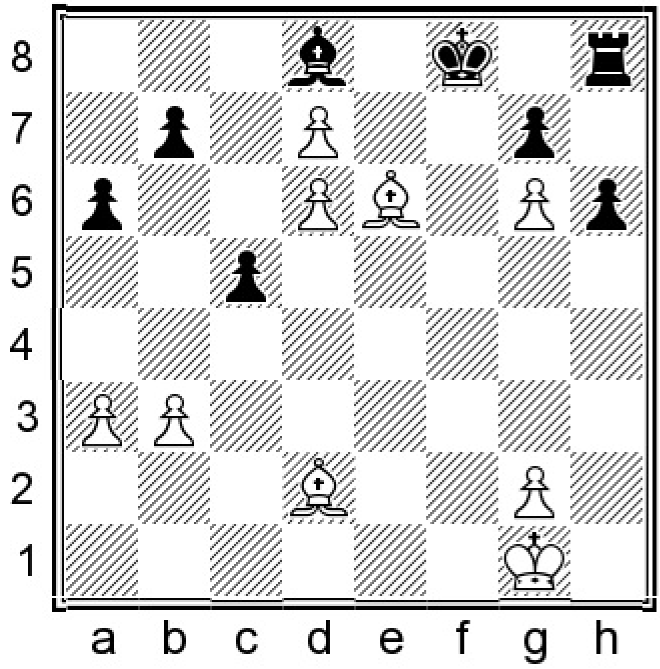


All the white pieces are optimally activated, but in order to break the black fortress a sacrifice is required. Carlsen finds the correct solution.

**36.♖xf7! ♔xf7**

36...♖xf7 37.♕xe6 ♕f8 38.d7 ♗d8 39.♕e8 ♔h7 40.♗xf7+-

**37.♕xe6+ ♔f8 38.♕f5+ ♔e8 39.♕g6+ ♔f8 40.♕f5+ ♔e8 41.♕g6+ ♔f8 42.e6 ♕f6□ 43.exd7 ♕xg6 44.hxg6 ♗d8 45.♗e6**



Zugzwang! Till the end of the game Black cannot move his king and rook.

**45...h5 46.♔f2 h4 47.♗g4 b5 48.♔f3** White has two paths to victory at this point. First, he can bring his king to f5 and offer the bishop trade with Bg5, thus allowing his d7-pawn to promote. Also, White can bring his king all the way to c8 via d5, winning the black immobile bishop!

**48...b4**

48...a5 49.♔e4+-;

48...♖h6 49.♗xh6 gxh6 50.♔e4 ♔g7 51.♗f5+- The white king can reach c8, or capture all the black pawns on the queenside.

The outcome is pretty much the same after 48...h3 49.gxh3+-

**49.axb4 cxb4** Here Black resigned right away.

49...cxb4 Obviously, Black can make only pawn moves, while White can bring his king to f5 and force the pawn promotion after Bg5. 50.♔e4 a5 51.♔f5 a4 52.♗g5! ♗b6 53.♗e7+ ♔g8 54.♗f3 ♖h6 55.♗d5+ ♔h8 56.d8=♕+ ♗xd8 57.♗xd8+-

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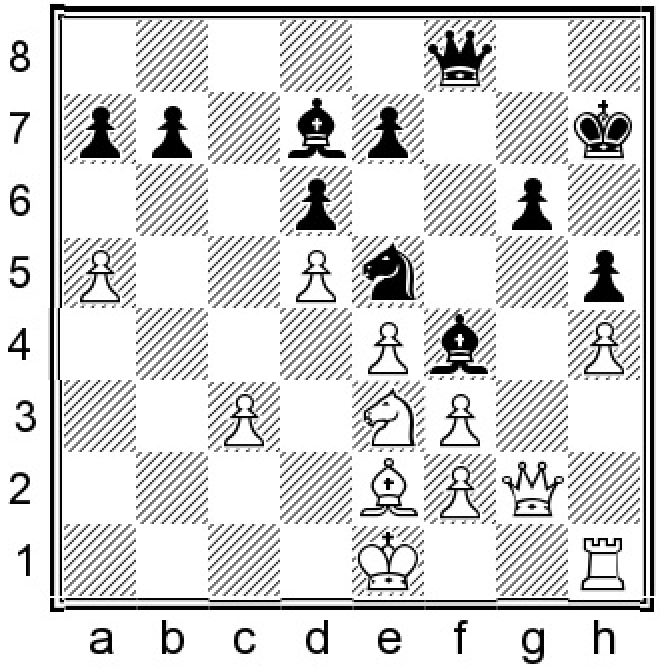
**Fedoseev, Vladimir (2696) - Carlsen, Magnus (2847)**
**Krasnaya Polyana (m/1) 149/194, 2021**



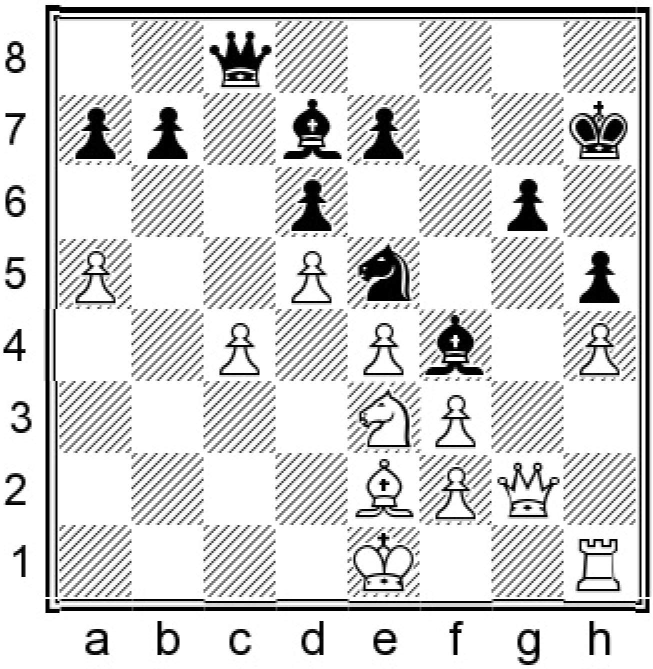
Even though Black is an exchange and pawn down, he has a much easier play with complete domination over the board. **24...♕c8!** Not allowing White to castle!

24...♕d8!? Black wins a pawn but allows White to spring to life. 25.O-O! ♕xa5 26.♖b1 ♕xc3 (26...b6 27.♕f1∞) 27.♖xb7 ♗xe3 28.fxe3 ♕e1+ 29.♕f1 ♕g3+ 30.♕g2 ♕e1+=

**25.c4**

25.O-O ♗h3 26.♕h1 ♗xf1 27.♔xf1 ♕xc3-+;

25.♔d2!? ♘c4+ 26.♗xc4 ♕xc4 27.♖g1 ♗e8 28.♕f1□ ♕a2+ 29.♔d3 ♗b5+ 30.c4 ♕b3+ 31.♔d2 ♗xc4 32.♕b1□ ♕a3 33.♕xb7 Most likely, Black cannot achieve more than a draw.

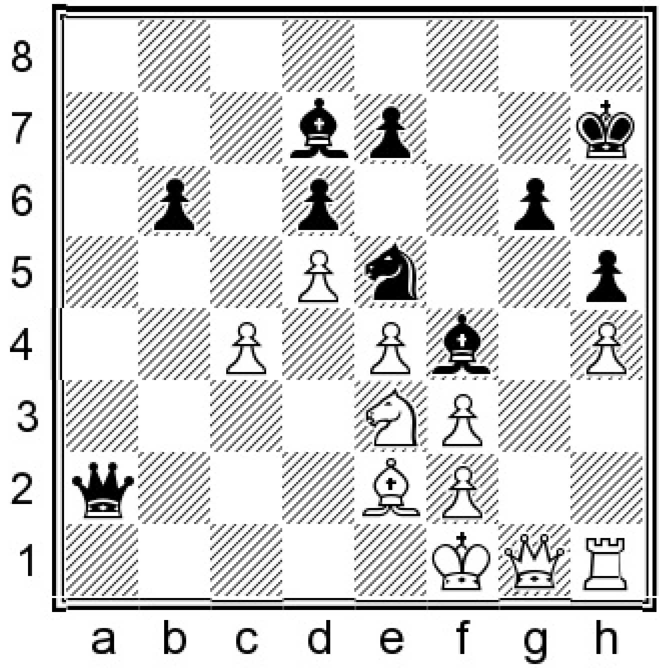


**25...b5!** An excellent move which allows Carlsen to open the lines on the queenside.

**26.axb6 axb6 27.♕g1** White is trying to activate his pieces with Kf1-g2, or Ng2 followed by f4, but he does not have sufficient time for that.

27.O-O!? ♗h3 28.♕h1 ♗xf1 29.♔xf1! (29.♗xf1 ♕c5∓) 29...♕a8 (29...♗xe3 30.fxe3 ♘xc4 31.♔f2∓) 30.♕h3 ♕a1+ 31.♘d1 ♘xc4 32.♗xc4 ♕xd1+ 33.♔g2 ♕d4 34.♕e6 ♕g7 35.♗b5 ♕f8 36.♗c6 ♔g7 37.♗b5 ♕f6∓

**27...♕a8! 28.♔f1 ♕a2**



**29.♘g2 ♛a1+ 30.♘e1 ♛b2 31.♘g2**

31.♘d3 ♘xd3 32.♗xd3 ♛c3 33.♗e2 ♛d2 34.♖h2 ♔g7 35.♕h1 ♔f6 36.♖h3 e6∓

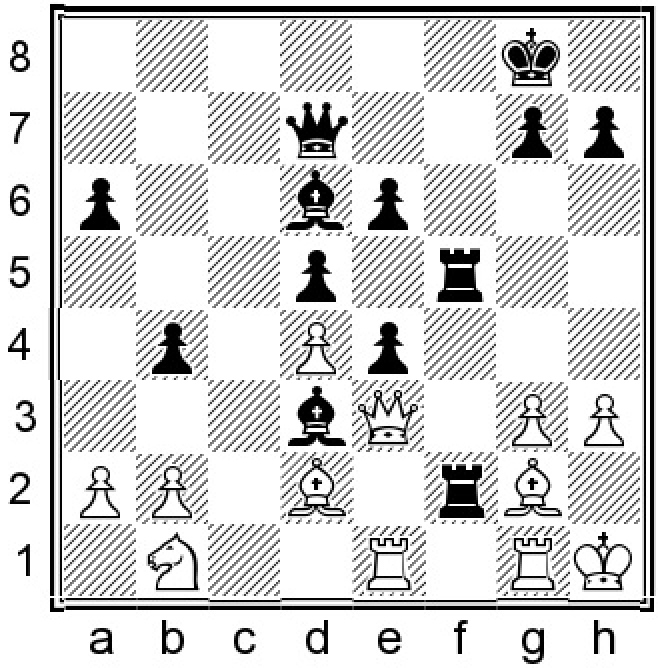
**31...♛c1+ 32.♘e1 ♛d2∓** Zugzwang! Carlsen's queen manoeuvres are reminiscent to the game of checkers.

**33.♕g2** White cannot move his knight anymore.

33.♘g2 ♘d3-+

**33...♔g7 34.♖g1 ♔f8 35.♕h1 e6 36.♖g3 exd5 37.exd5 ♗f5 38.♖g1 ♔f7 39.♖g3 ♘d7! 40.♖g5 ♗xg5 41.hxg5 ♘e5** White resigns even though he is still a pawn up. Unfortunately, he cannot activate any of his pieces. **0-1**

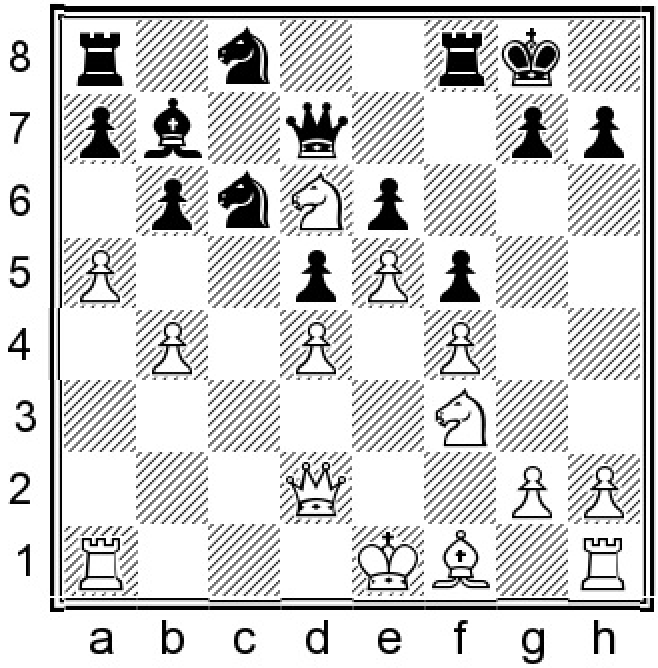
**Saemisch, Friedrich - Nimzowitsch, Aron**
**Kobenhavn, 1923**



This is one of the earliest high class middlegame Zugzwang positions.

**25...h6!** A truly marvelous picture! With his last move Black took away the g5-square for the white queen. The threats are R5f3 or R2f3, and White cannot make any move without material loss. **0-1**

**Alekhine, Alexander - Nimzowitsch, Aron**
**San Remo, 1930**

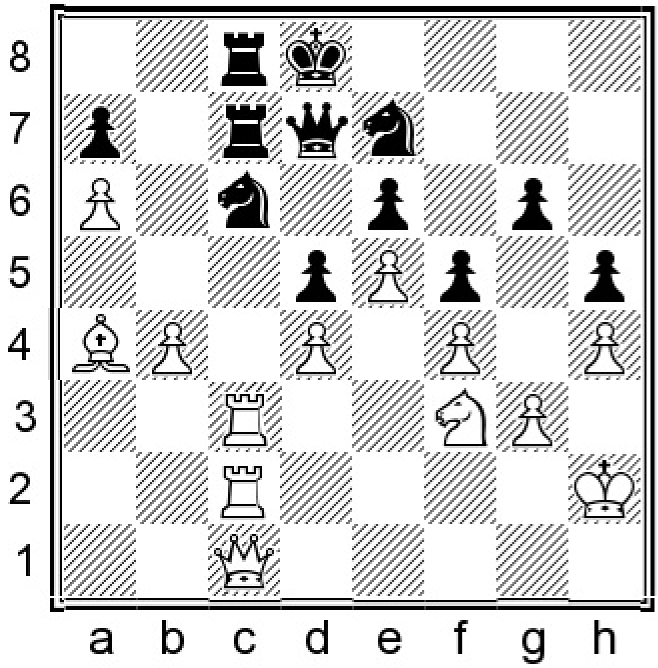


**16.♘xb7!** White exchanges his strongest for the rival's worst piece with the idea of seizing control over the c-file.

**16...♕xb7 17.a6 ♕f7 18.♗b5 ♘8e7 19.O-O h6 20.♖fc1 ♖fc8 21.♖c2 ♕e8 22.♖ac1 ♖ab8 23.♕e3 ♖c7 24.♖c3 ♕d7 25.♖1c2 ♔f8 26.♕c1 ♖bc8 27.♗a4** Threatening b5 and winning the piece.

**27...b5 28.♗xb5 ♔e8 29.♗a4 ♔d8** Black is ready for b5 now, but Alekhine understood well that he was not obliged to force the matters because Black run out of moves - Zugzwang!

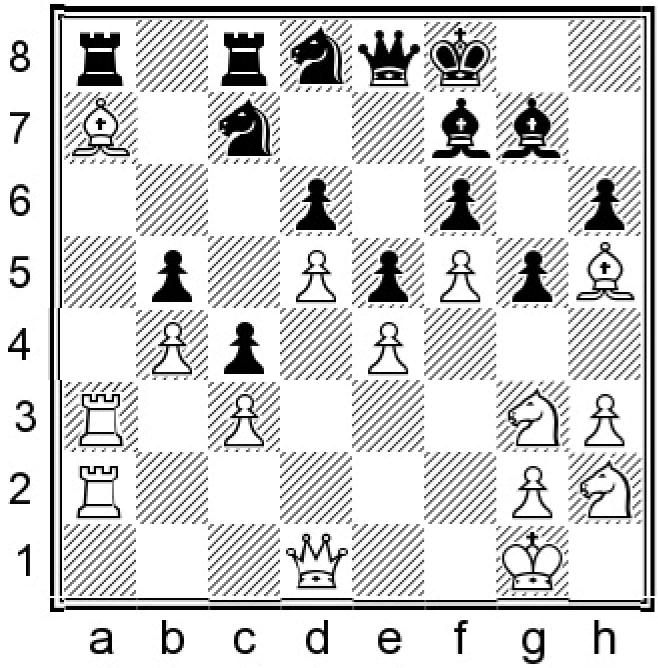
**30.h4 h5 31.♔h2 g6 32.g3**



32.g3 Nimzowitsch resigned because after 32...♔e8 White pushes 33.b5 In this game Nimzowitsch falls victim to deadly Zugzwang!

**1-0**

**Karpov, Anatoly (2700) - Unzicker, Wolfgang (2535)**
**Nice (ol) 17/336, 1974**



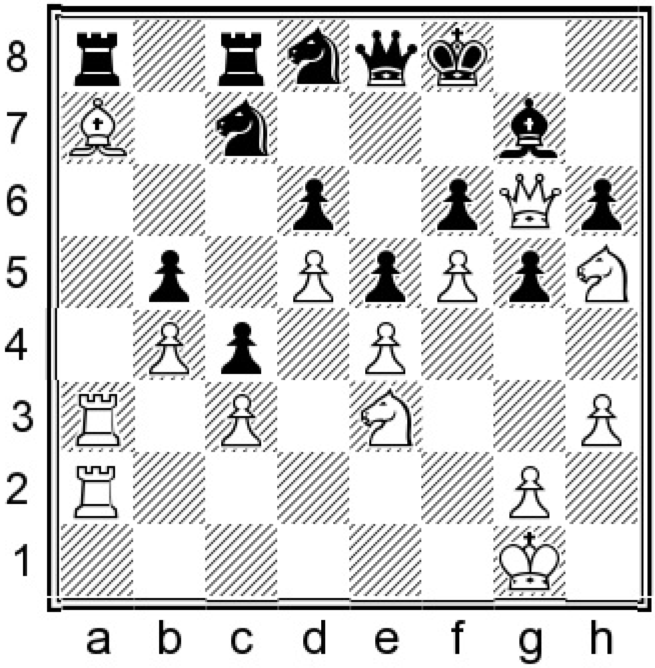
This middlegame position is very famous and deeply explored in many books. Earlier, Karpov unleashed the spectacular Ba7 move, thus seizing control over the a-file. Curiously, Unzicker resigned while the board was still full of pieces, having material equality.

**38...♔g8** Black is already in a sort of a Zugzwang, but Karpov continues optimising the placement of his pieces!

**39.♘g4 ♔f8**

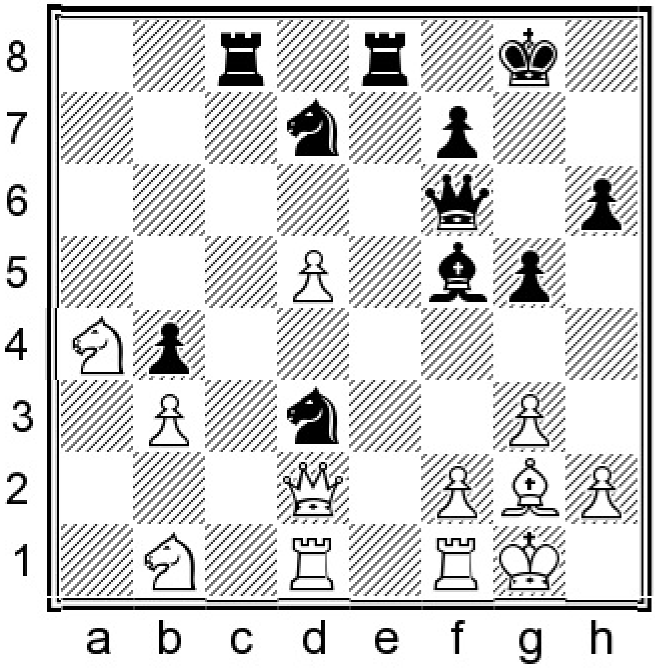
39...♗xh5 40.♘xh5 ♕f7 (40...♕xh5?? 41.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 42.♕xh5+-) 41.♗b6 ♖xa3 42.♖xa3+-

**40.♘e3 ♔g8 41.♗xf7+ ♘xf7 42.♕h5 ♘d8 43.♕g6 ♔f8 44.♘h5**



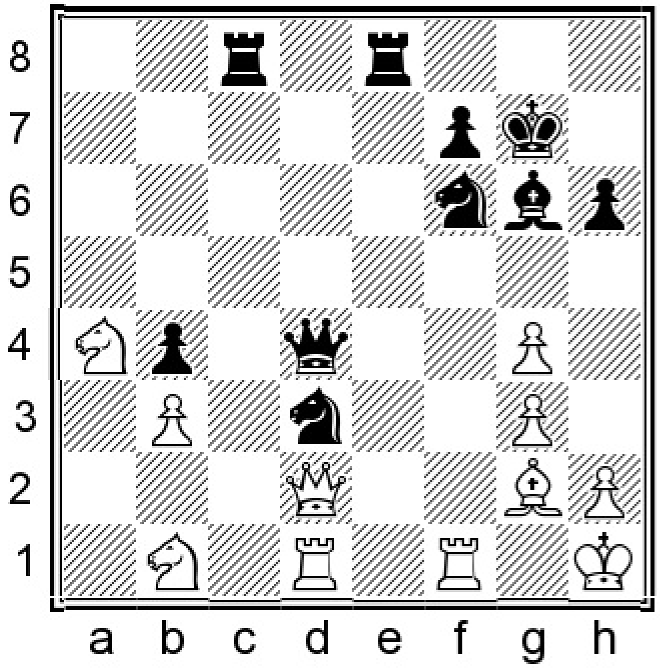
Black resigned here, because after the queen trade, White plays Bb6, winning the a-file. Black's pieces do not have any room for manoeuvring! **1-0**

**Karpov, Anatoly (2720) - Kasparov, Garry (2700)**
**Moscow (m/16) 40/202, 1985**



This is the famous Karpov - Kasparov World Championship game where Garry essayed an important novelty, the early d5 sacrificing a pawn. The position on the board is already hopeless for White since he cannot activate any of his pieces.

**27.♕a2 ♗g6 28.d6 g4 29.♕d2 ♔g7 30.f3 ♕xd6 31.fxg4 ♕d4+ 32.♔h1 ♘f6**

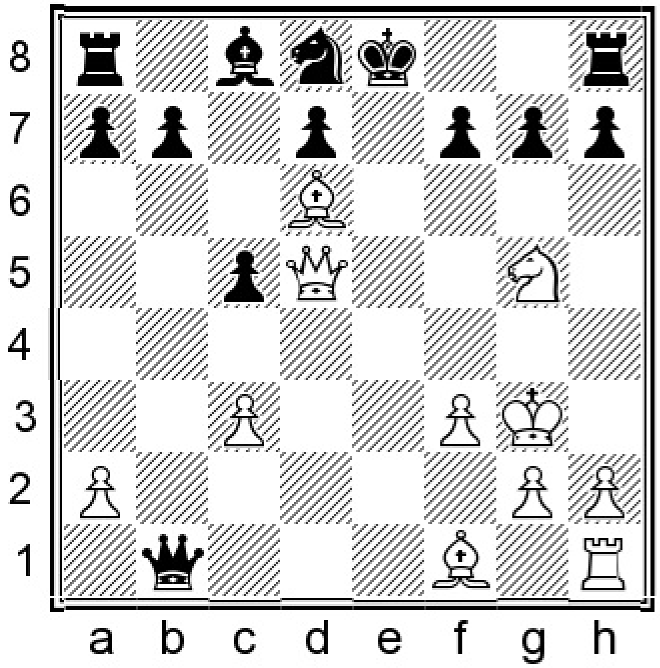


Now the e4-square is free as well for the black pieces to exploit. White is on the verge of serious material loss and defeat.

**33.♖f4 ♘e4 34.♕xd3 ♘f2+ 35.♖xf2 ♗xd3 36.♖fd2 ♕e3 37.♖xd3 ♖c1 38.♘b2 ♕f2 39.♘d2 ♖xd1+ 40.♘xd1 ♖e1+ 0-1**

I will conclude this article with one of my own games against GM Benjamin Bok, a young and promising player at the time.

**Ivanisevic, Ivan (2664) - Bok, Benjamin (2212)**
**Biel (open), 2008**



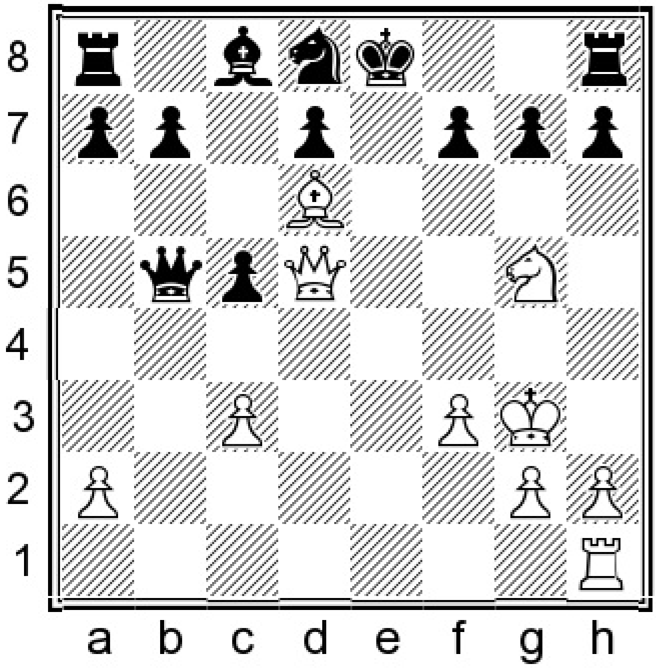
**18.♗b5!** The black queen is forced to abandon the first rank and allow White's rook to join in the attack on the black king!

**18...♕xb5**

I offered my rook and bishop with the previous move, and that felt like a natural solution then, even though I did not calculate all the consequences of that move. If Black captures the rook the mate is totally inevitable. But, after the bishop capture I was not so sure!

18...♕g6 19.♖e1+ ♘e6 20.h4 h6 (20...♔d8 21.f4 ♕f6 22.♗e5 ♕e7 23.f5+-) 21.♗d3 ♕f6 22.♘e4 ♕g6+ (22...♕d8 23.f4+-) 23.♔f2+-;

18...♕xh1 19.♕e5+ ♘e6 20.♘xe6 and there is no defence as checkmate follows. 20...f6 21.♘xg7+ ♔f7 22.♕e7+ ♔g6 23.♗d3+ f5 24.♗xf5+ ♔h6 25.♕f6# (25.♗f4#)



**19.♕xf7+!!**

I proceeded with 19.♖e1+ ♘e6 20.♕f5 f6 21.♘xe6 dxe6 22.♖xe6+! ♔d7! 23.♗e7!+- was still winning, but that move did not occur to me. (23.♗f4 ♕c4!= with a draw by perpetual check, Ivanisevic,Ivan - Bok,Benjamin)

**19...♘xf7 20.♖e1+ ♔d8 21.♘xf7#**

## Conclusion

It is extremely difficult to reach a Zugzwang position in the middlegame with many pieces on the board. In order to accomplish Zugzwang one must have much better placed pieces than his rival and achieve complete domination over the whole board, thus leaving the opponent without any useful move.

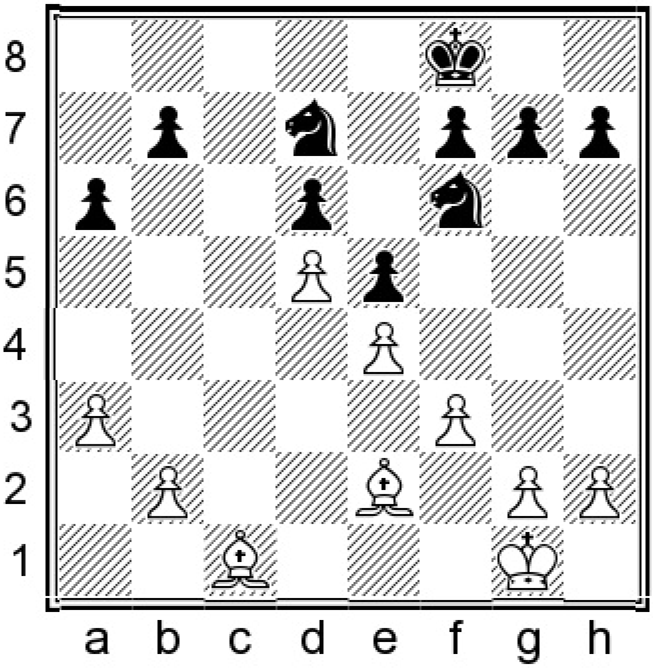
# BISHOP PAIR IN CLOSED POSITIONS

By GM Michael Prusikin

Everybody knows the pearl of chess wisdom: "In closed positions the knights are better than the bishops". It is one of the most quoted and completely false sayings in chess. In fact, when the centre in closed by pawn chains, the bishops are usually clearly superior, than the knights, because they easily manage to evade the pawn barrier, while the knights cannot find any good squares in the middle of the board - just because all of them are occupied by pawns.

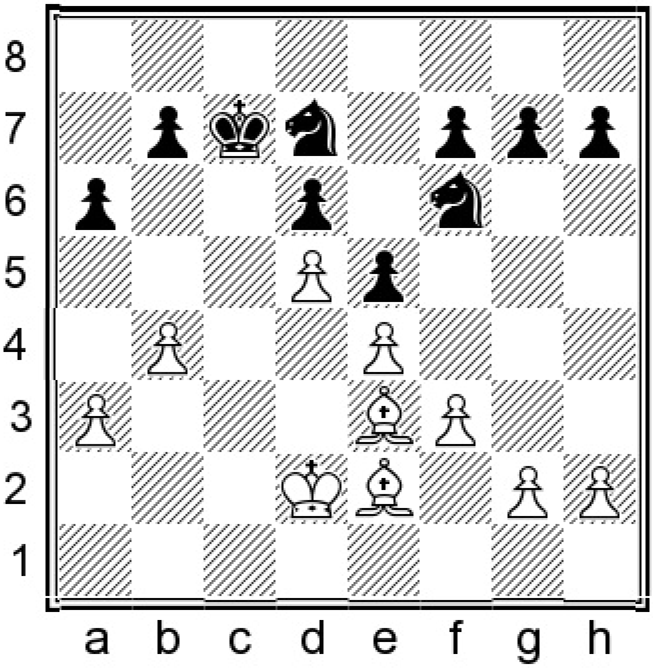
Generally speaking, the knights prefer half-open positions where they easily find some long-term outposts. If the side, which enjoys the advantage of bishop pair, also possesses space advantage, the combination of these two factors may be even of vital importance. Let us take a look at some practical examples.

**Flohr, Salo - Botvinnik, Mikhail Moisevich**
**Leningrad (m/6), 1933**



Despite the fact, that the centre is closed by pawn chains, the white bishop pair is clearly superior - the bishops manage to evade the pawn barrier, while at the same time the black knights don't have any central outposts. As already explained above: White's advantage is beyond all questions due to a huge space advantage and the strong pair of bishops. Flohr converts his advantage in an very instructive manner.

**25.♔f2 ♔e7 26.♗e3 ♔d8 27.♔e1 ♔c7 28.♔d2 ♘c5 29.b4 ♘cd7**



**30.g3?!** White makes the second step before the first one. It is, of course, the right idea to play g3 and f4, aiming to gain even more space and to bring the light-squared bishop to h3, but first it was necessary to fix the queenside paws by playing a4-a5.

30.a4!±

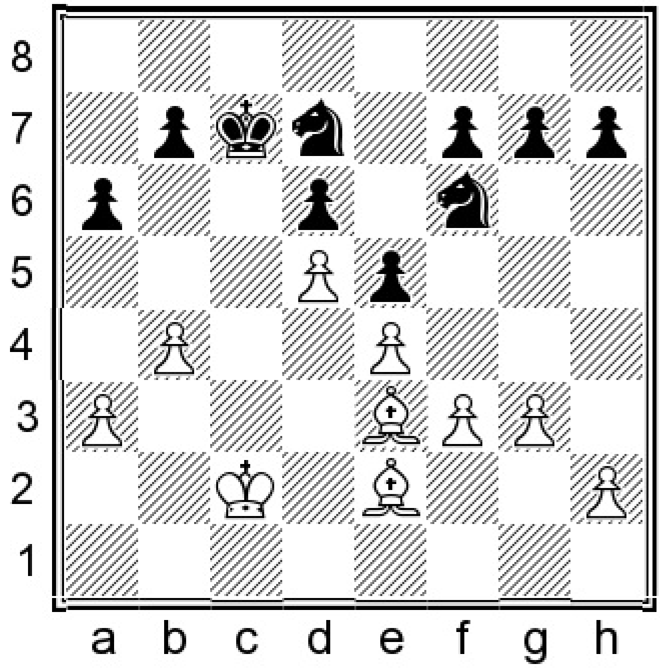
**30...♘b6**

30...b5 31.a4 bxa4 32.♗xa6+-

With the slightly surprising 30...♘g8! and the idea to get some counterplay with f5 Black was probably able to equalise. For example: 31.a4 (31.♗f1 b5 32.a4 bxa4 33.♗xa6 f5! 34.exf5 ♘df6=) 31...♘e7 32.a5 h6! 33.♔d3 f5 34.♗f1 b5 35.axb6+ ♘xb6 36.♗h3 fxe4+ 37.fxe4 ♘d7 Black should be able to hold.

**31.♔c2 ♘bd7**

31...♘a4!? 32.b5! a5 33.b6+! ♘xb6 34.♗d2 a4 35.♗a5 ♘d7 36.♔c3 ♔b8 37.♗b5±



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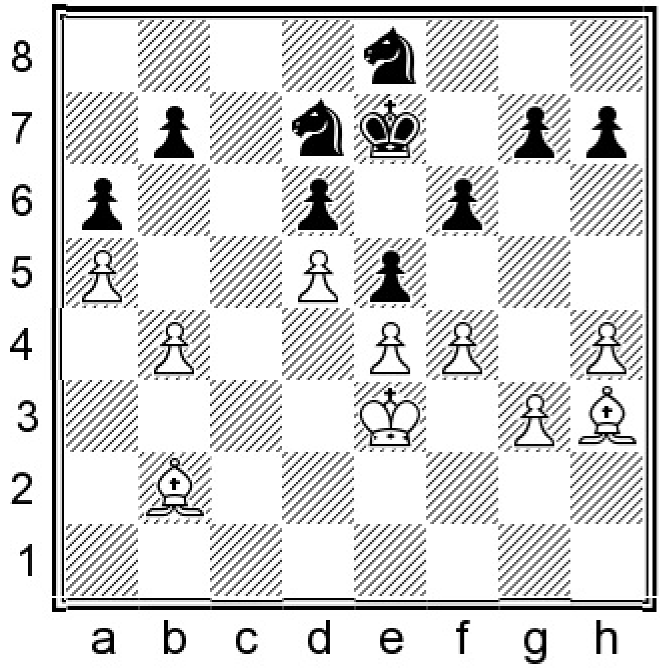
**32.a4! ♘b6 33.a5 ♘bd7 34.♗c1** An instructive regrouping: the bishop goes to b2, making the e3-square free for his king.

**34...♔d8 35.♗b2 ♘e8 36.♔d2 ♘c7 37.♔e3 ♔e7 38.♗f1! ♘b5 39.h4 ♘c7 40.♗h3 ♘e8 41.f4 f6**



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**42.♗f5!** The next step - weakening the opponents kingside.

**42...g6**

42...h6 43.♔f3+-

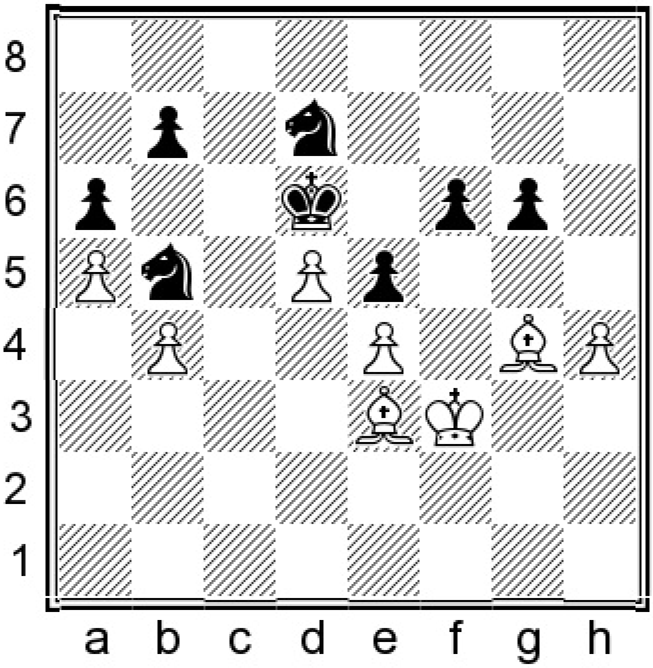
**43.♗h3 h6** A further, unprovoked weakening, but the position was difficult for Black anyway.

**44.♗c1! ♘g7 45.fxe5 dxe5**

45...fxe5 46.♔f3 h5 47.♗g5+ ♔e8 48.♗h6+-;

45...♘xe5 46.♗c8+-

**46.♔f3 h5 47.♗e3 ♔d6 48.♗h6 ♘e8 49.g4 hxg4+ 50.♗xg4 ♘c7 51.♗e3 ♘b5**



**52.♔e2** The white king starts marching to c4 and preparing the decisive Bc5.

**52...♘c7 53.♔d3 f5** Desperation.

53...♘b5 54.♔c4 ♘c7 55.♗c5++-

**54.exf5 gxf5 55.♗xf5 ♘xd5 56.♗d2+-** The outside passed pawn decides the game easily.

**56...♘7f6 57.♔c4**

57.♗c8 ♔c7 58.♗e6 ♔d6 59.♗f7+-

**57...♔c6 58.♗g6 b5+ 59.♔d3 ♘e7 60.♗e4+ ♘ed5**

60...♘xe4 61.♔xe4 ♔d6 62.h5+-

**61.♗g5 ♘h5 62.♗f3 ♘g3 63.♗d2 ♔d6 64.♗g4 ♘f6 65.♗c8 ♔c6 66.♗e1 e4+ 67.♔d4 ♘gh5 68.♗f5 ♔d6 69.♗d2 1-0**

**B92**
**Efimenko, Zahar (2638) - Bu, Xiangzhi (2691)**
**Gibraltar, 2008**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♖e1** A rare line. As usual in all kind of Najdorf setups, White's main idea is to control and to occupy the d5-

square.

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- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004

**9...♗e6 10.♗f3 ♘bd7 11.a4 ♖c8** This is the most popular continuation, but probably not the best one. It seems better to me to put the rooks on b8 and c8 immediately.

11...♕c7 12.a5 ♖fc8 13.♗e3 ♖ab8 14.♘d2 ♗d8=

**12.a5 ♕c7 13.♗e3 ♖fd8**

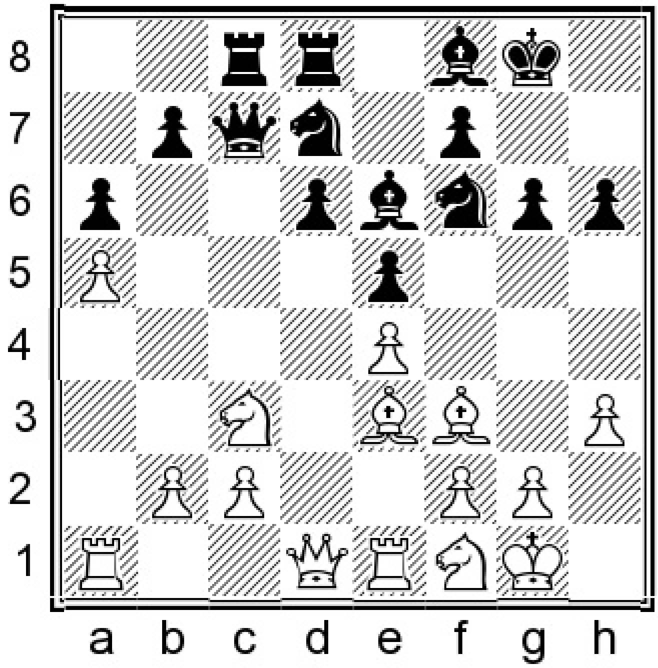
13...♖b8!? 14.♘d2 ♖fc8 15.♕e2 h6 16.♖eb1 ♕c6= Astroukh,Vitaly - Osipov,Anatoly, corr 2018/19

**14.♘d2±** The knight will fight for the d5-outpost.

**14...h6 15.♘f1 ♗f8 16.h3!?**

16.♗d2!? ♖e8 17.♘e3 g6 18.g3 ♗g7 19.b3± looks more logical to me, as in Ostrovskiy,Andrey 2417 - Grachev,Boris 2601, Pardubice 2007

**16...g6**



**17.♘h2!?** Aiming to exchange the defender of the d5-square.

17.♗c1!? b5 18.axb6 ♕b7 19.♘e3 ♘xb6 20.♘cd5 ♗xd5 21.exd5± Hansen,Torbjorn Ringdal 2448 - Theodorou,Nikolas 2481, Novi Sad 2016

**17...h5!**

17...♗g7 18.♘g4±

**18.♘f1 ♗g7 19.♗g5?!** This move looks logical and consistent, but it seems to allow an annoying counterplay.

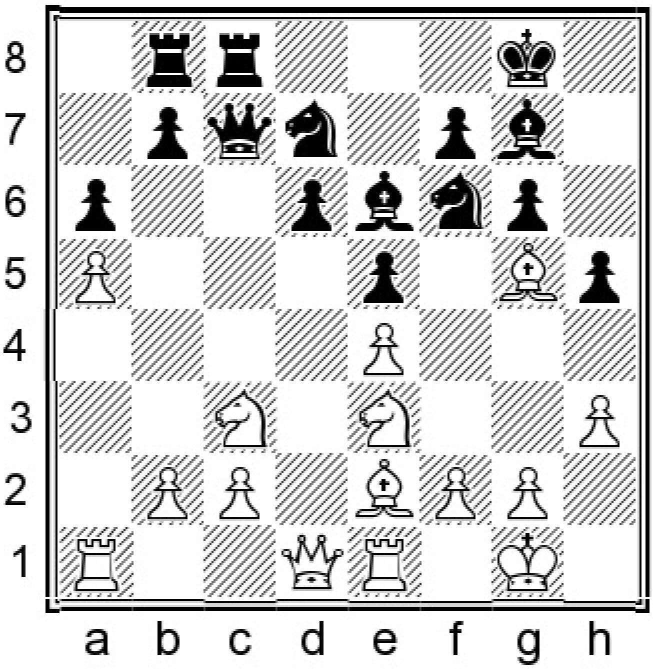
19.♕e2!± was safer.

**19...♖b8?!** At this point and in the next few moves Bu misses the opportunity to get some counterplay with the b5 advance.

19...b5! 20.axb6 ♕xb6⇄

**20.♘e3 ♖dc8 21.♗e2?!**

21.♕d2 b5 22.axb6 ♖xb6 23.♖eb1±



**21...♕c6?!**

21...b5! 22.axb6 ♖xb6 23.♖xa6 ♖xb2 24.♘b5 ♖xb5 25.♗xb5 ♘xe4 26.♖c6 ♕b8 27.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 28.♗h4 ♘c3 29.♗xd7 ♕xd7 30.♕f3 ♕a4=

**22.♗d3 ♖e8?!**

22...b5 23.axb6 ♕xb6 24.♘a4 ♕b7 25.f3±

**23.♗h4**

23.♕d2!? ♘h7 24.♗h4 ♗f6 (24...♗h6 25.♖ed1 ♘hf6 26.♕e1±) 25.♗xf6 ♘hxf6 26.b4±

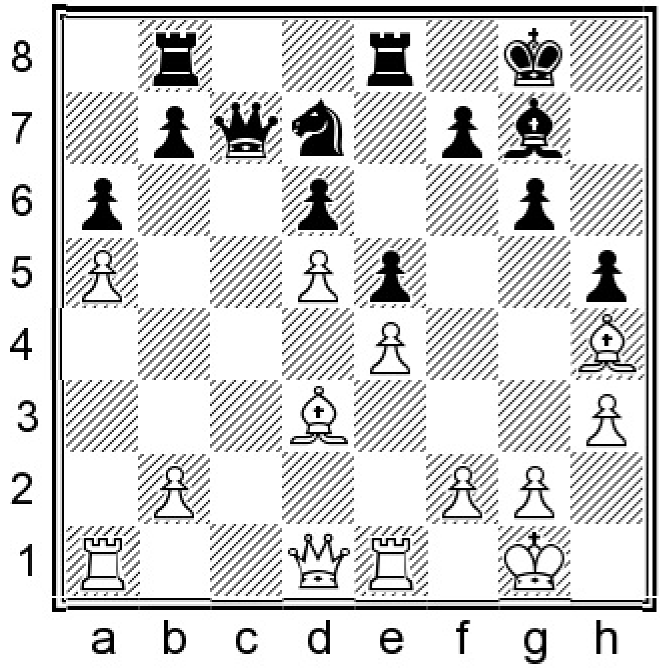
**23...♘h7?!**

Allowing the last opportunity for 23...b5 to pass, although here it wasn't sufficient for the equality anymore: 24.axb6 ♖xb6 25.♘cd5! ♗xd5 (25...♖xb2 26.♖xa6+-) 26.exd5 ♕c7 27.b3±

**24.♘cd5 ♗xd5 25.♘xd5 ♘hf6 26.c4!?**

26.♘b4!? ♕c7 27.c3±

**26...♘xd5 27.cxd5! ♕c7** Now the same pawn structure as in the previous game has arisen, with almost the same material. The only difference is that the bishop pair is fighting a bishop and a knight instead of two knights.



**28.♗g5!** An extraordinary important move! By playing this modest looking move, Efimenko prevents the activating/exchanging of the opponent's bishop.

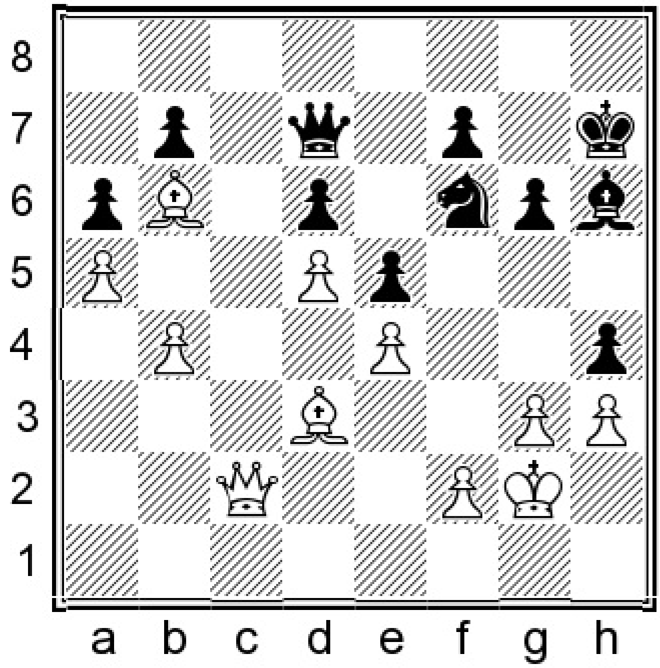
28.b4?! ♗h6=;

28.♕d2 ♗f6!=

**28...♗f6 29.♗e3 ♖ec8 30.♕d2 ♕d8 31.b4±** With his strong bishops and a huge space advantage White enjoys a large, almost decisive strategical advantage.

**31...♔h7 32.♖ac1 ♗g7 33.♖xc8 ♖xc8 34.♖c1 ♖c7 35.g3 ♘f6 36.♔g2 ♖xc1 37.♕xc1 ♕d7 38.♕c2!?** Preventing 38...Qa4.

**38...♗h6 39.♗b6 h4**

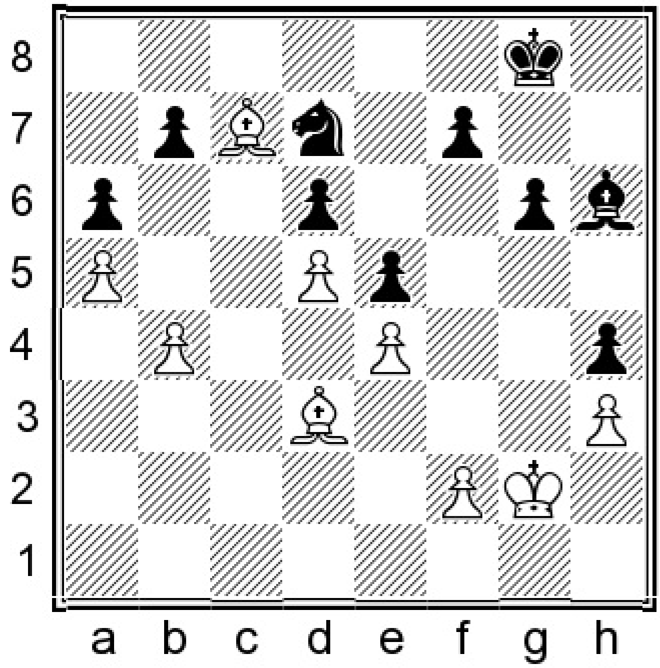


**40.g4!** The only move to hold the advantage! Efimenko not only saw the next move by Bu but also it's refutation!

**40...♘xg4 41.♕c7!** The g-pawn is just meaningless, the game will be decided on the queenside!

**41...♘f6 42.♕xd7 ♘xd7 43.♗c7 ♔g8**

43...♗f8 44.♗xa6! bxa6 45.b5 ♘c5 46.♗b6!+-



**44.♗xa6! ♗d2**

44...bxa6 45.b5 ♘c5 46.♗b6!+-

**45.♗xb7 ♗xb4 46.a6 ♗c5 47.♗c6 1-0**

An impressive strategical achievement by the Ukrainian!

**A46**
**Ipatov, Alexander (2630) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2793)**
**Antalya, 2013**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.♗g5** Ipatov is a creative player, always seeking for some ways beyond the main lines.

**3...h6 4.♗h4 d6!?** A promising set-up. Black is threatening to exchange the opponents dark-squared bishop.

The immediate 4...g5 5.♗g3 ♘h5 is quite dangerous for Black due to 6.♗e5! f6 7.♕d3!

**5.e3**

5.♘bd2 g5 6.♗g3 ♘h5 7.e4 ♗g7 8.c3 O-O 9.♗d3 ♘d7 10.O-O f5 11.exf5 exf5 12.h3 ♘df6∞ Xilogiannis,Dimitrios 2022 - Banikas,Hristos 2599, Aghios Kirykos 2020;

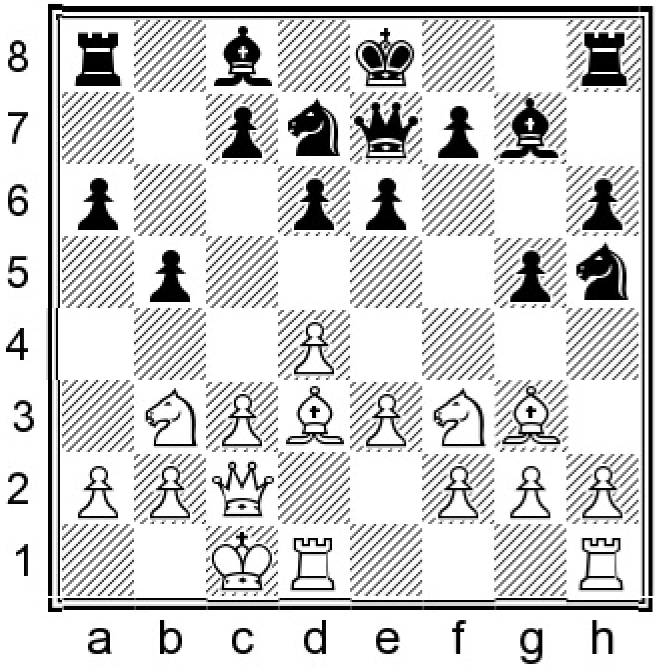
5.c3 ♗e7 6.♘bd2 ♘bd7 7.a4 O-O 8.e3 c5 1/2 : 1/2 Sergeev,Vladimir 2418 - Prusikin,Michael 2517, Bayerisch Eisenstein 2017;

5.h3!? ♘c6 6.♘bd2 g5 7.♗g3 ♗g7 8.e4 ♘d7 9.c3 f5∞

**5...g5 6.♗g3 ♘h5 7.♗d3 ♗g7 8.♘bd2 ♕e7 9.c3 ♘d7 10.♕c2 a6 11.O-O-O?!** It seems to be the wrong side.

11.a4 b6 12.O-O ♗b7 13.e4 should be completely OK - for both sides! A complex game with mutual chances would have ensued.

**11...b5 12.♘b3**



**12...♖b8!?**

12...♘xg3 13.hxg3 c5 14.dxc5 ♘xc5 15.♘xc5 dxc5 16.♗e4 ♖b8! (16...♖a7= Stolte,Alexander 2145 - Adamski,Jan 2335, Deutschland 2000) 17.♗c6+ ♔f8∓;

12...♘b6!? looks most convincing: 13.♘a5 ♗d7 14.e4 O-O 15.♔b1 ♖ab8 16.♘d2 ♘a4∓

**13.♔b1?!**

Missing an interesing and unexpected chance to get some counterplay: 13.d5! ♘xg3 14.hxg3 ♖b6 (14...exd5 15.♘bd4 ♖b6 16.♘f5 ♕f6 17.♘xg7+ ♕xg7 18.♗f5 ♗b7 19.e4⇄) 15.♘fd4 ♘e5∓

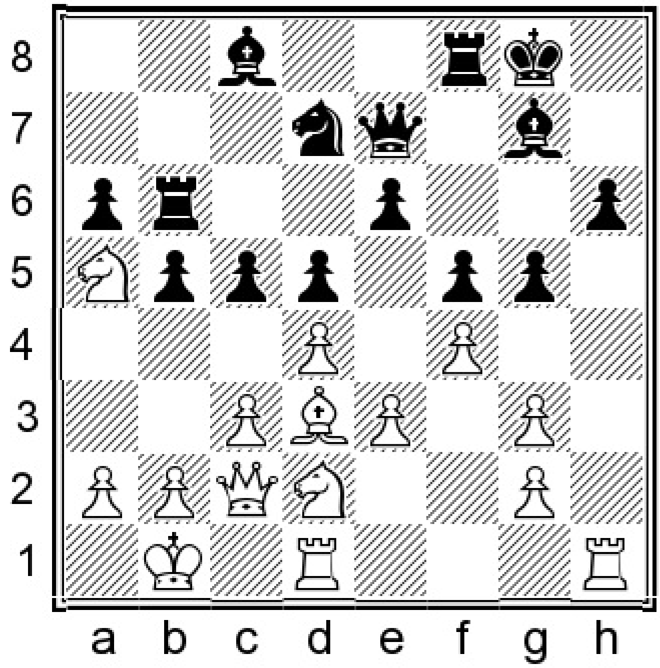
**13...O-O 14.♘fd2 f5?!** This is probably redundant at this point.

14...♘xg3 15.hxg3 c5 led to a huge, almost decisive advantage for Black, for example: 16.♘a5 ♗b7 17.♘xb7 ♖xb7 18.f4 ♖fb8 19.♘f3 b4-+

**15.f3 ♘xg3 16.hxg3 c5 17.♘a5 ♖b6 18.f4?!** Some resistence was only possible after

18.e4! c4 19.♗xc4! bxc4 20.♘dxc4 although Black is still clearly better here. For example: 20...♕d8 21.exf5 ♖xf5 22.♖he1 ♖xa5 23.♘xa5 ♕c7!∓

**18...d5**



**19.b4!?** An interesing try to get some counterplay.

**19...c4!** The correct reaction! Kramnik is not afraid of closing the position. He is convinced, that his space advantage is decisive even without a pawn lever.

19...cxb4 20.cxb4 ♕xb4+ 21.♘db3 ♕d6 22.♖c1∞

**20.♗e2 ♘f6**

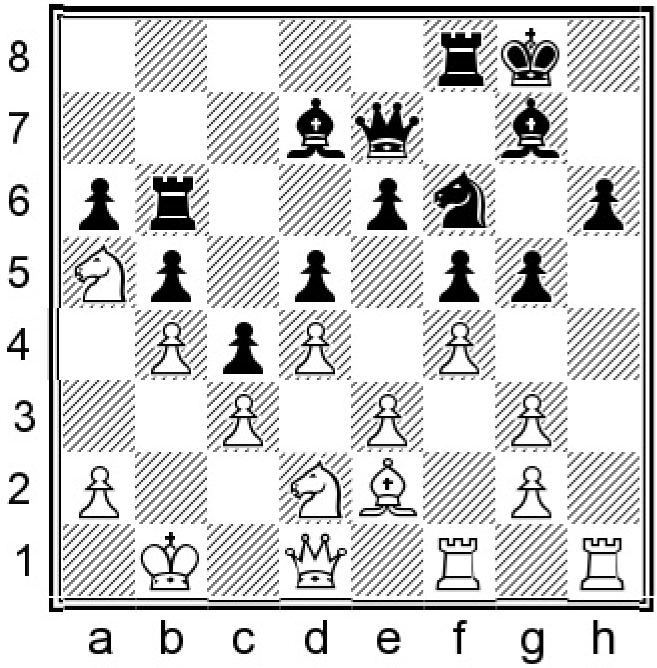
The immediate 20...g4! was preferable.

**21.♖df1**

21.♘f3!? ♘e4 22.♘e5! g4 23.♗f3!! would have been a spectacular attempt, but it barely promises real chances for salvation. For example: (23.♘g6? ♕f7 24.♘xf8 ♔xf8 25.♖h2 h5-+) 23...♘d6! (23...gxf3?! 24.gxf3 ♘f6 25.♖dg1 ♗d7 26.♖h3 ♗e8 27.♕h2⇄) 24.♘g6 ♕f7 25.♘xf8 ♔xf8 26.♖dg1! h5 27.♔b2 (27.♗e2 ♘e4-+) 27...gxf3 28.gxf3 ♘e8-+

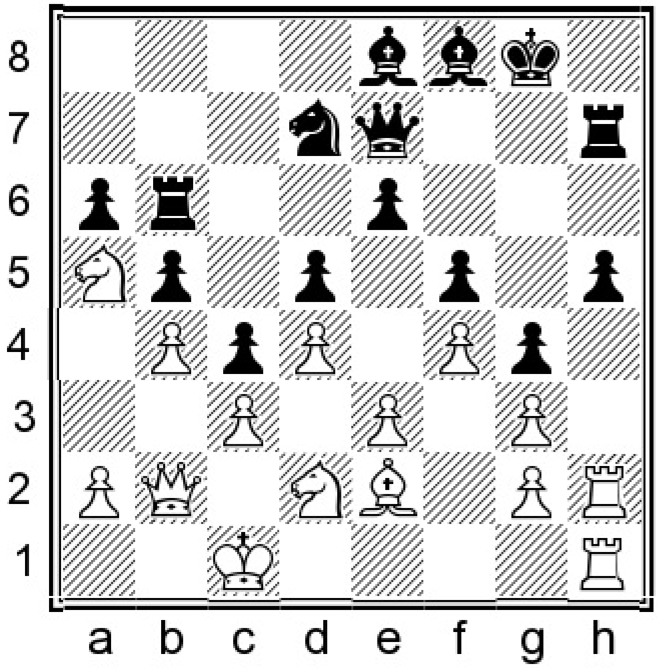
**21...♗d7 22.♕d1**

22.♘f3? ♘e4



**22...g4!** Now the position is completely closed. There are no open files and seemingly no possibility for a pawn break, but Kramnik's judgement was deeper - his space advantage and the desolate position of White's minor pieces allow Black quite an easy win.

**23.♔b2 ♖f7 24.♕c1 ♗f8 25.♔c2 ♖h7 26.♖h2 ♗e8 27.♖fh1 ♘d7 28.♕b2 h5 29.♔c1**



**29...e5!!** A very impressive and decisive breakthrough!

**30.dxe5 ♘xe5 31.fxe5 ♕xe5 32.♘f1 ♗g7-+** White is not able to protect all his numerous weaknesses.

**33.a3**

33.♔d2 ♗g6 34.♗d1 ♗f6 35.♗c2 ♖e6 36.♕a1 ♗g5-+

**33...♕xc3+ 34.♕xc3 ♗xc3 35.♗d1 ♖e6 36.♗c2 ♗g6 37.♘d2 ♖xe3 38.♖d1 ♗f6 39.♖hh1 d4 40.♖de1 ♖he7 41.♖xe3 ♖xe3 0-1**

A great game by the former World Champion!

**B90**
**Prusikin, Michael (2540) - Moucheroud, Jeremy (2309)**
**Mundolsheim, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗d3**

This sideline has recently become quite popular.

**6...♘c6** Not the best in my opinion, but surely playable.

6...g6!? 7.f3 ♗g7 8.♗e3 ♘c6 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O d5!? (10...♗d7 11.g4± Prusikin,Michael 2523 - Kraemer,Martin 2586, Schweiz 2019) 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.♗h6± Moussard,Jules 2626 - Garriga Cazorla,Pere 2487, Sitges 2020;

6...e5!?

**7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.O-O g6 9.b3! ♗g7 10.♗b2 O-O 11.♘a4 ♕c7 12.c4?!** An premature commitment.

White's main idea is to destroy the opponent's pawn chain by pushing e5. Here is an example of how to make it possible. 12.♖e1 ♖d8 (12...e5 13.♕d2 ♗e6 14.c4±) 13.♕f3 ♗g4 14.♕e3 ♗e6 15.♕f4 ♕a7 16.e5 ♘d5 17.♕h4 dxe5 18.♗xe5± Mostowik,Pawel - Cole, Steve, corr 2016

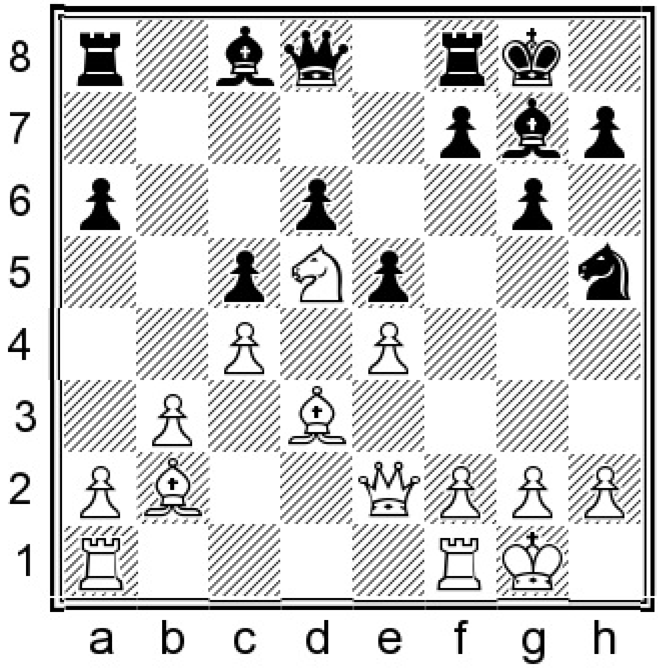
**12...c5!N**

12...a5

**13.♕e2 e5?!** Returns the favour.

After the flexible 13...♗d7 14.♘c3 e6 15.f4 ♗c6= Black would have been fully OK.

**14.♘c3 ♘h5 15.♘d5 ♕d8**



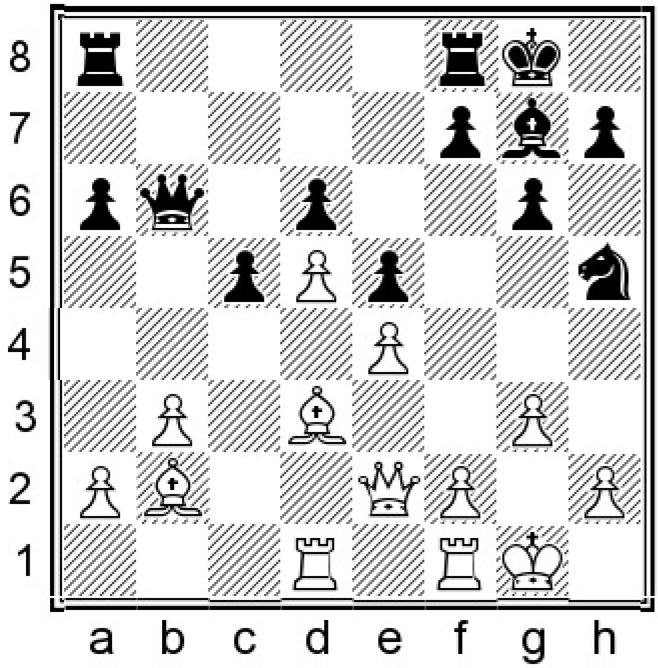
**16.♖ad1!** The logic behind this move can be explained as follows - if the opponent exchanges the knight on d5 immediately, White is happy because the resulting position is strategically preferable for him. On the other hand, if Black doesn't exchange the rook on d1 is perfectly placed on the half open d-file.

**16...♗b7 17.g3 ♗xd5?!**

17...a5 18.♗c2±

**18.cxd5 ♕b6**

18...♗h6!? 19.a4 ♕b6 20.♗c4±



**19.♖c1!** A nice and useful rook manoeuvre. The rook belongs to a4 to bind Black's pieces on the weak a-pawn.

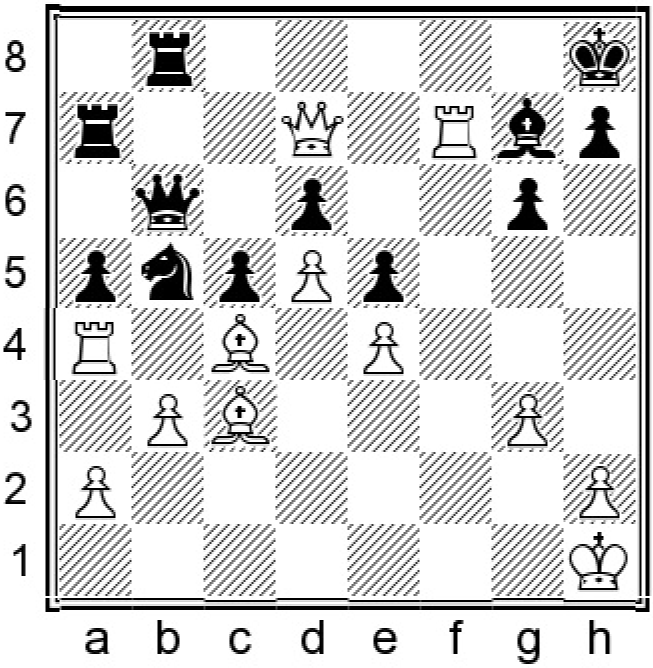
**19...♗h6 20.♖c4 ♖a7 21.♗c3 a5 22.♔h1** Preparing to open the second front with f4.

**22...♘g7 23.f4 f6 24.♖a4 ♖b8 25.♕g4 ♘e8 26.♕e6+ ♔h8 27.♗c4!** Aiming to eliminate every counterplay with c4 followed by the invasion of the black queen.

**27...♗g7 28.fxe5 fxe5 29.♖f7+-** By opening the kingside White is going to collect the a-pawn!

**29...♘c7 30.♕g4** This move is good enogh.

Unfortunatelly I missed a funny tactical possibility: 30.♕d7! ♘b5



31.♕xa7!! ♘xa7 32.♗xa5+- and the black queen is suddenly trapped.

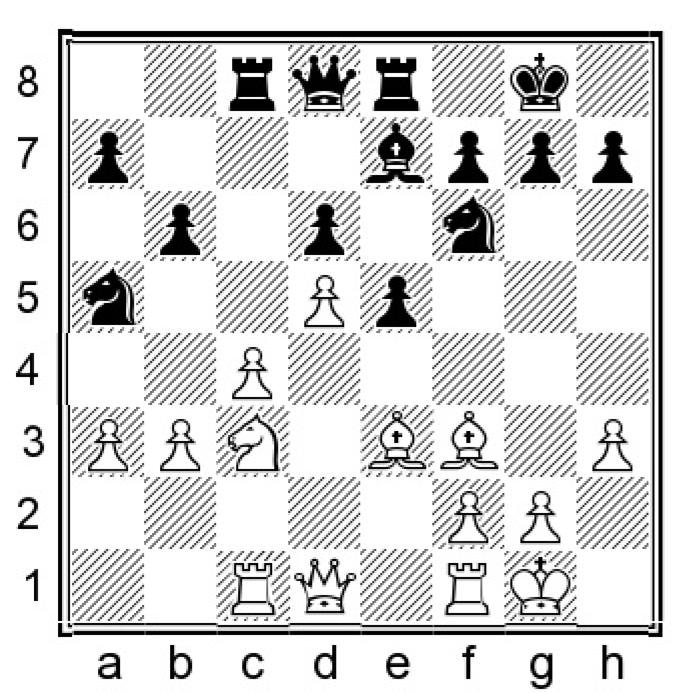
**30...♖ba8 31.♗d2! ♔g8 32.♖d7 ♖e8**

32...♖f8 33.♕h3! ♘e8 34.♖xa7 ♕xa7 35.♖xa5+-

**33.♕f3! ♖f8 34.♖xg7+! ♔xg7 35.♗h6+ 1-0**

## We will conclude this article with some exercises:

**Tukmakov, Vladimir (2575) - Lazarev, Vladimir (2445)**
**Neuchatel, 2002**



What is the right plan for White? How to put it into action?

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White needs to push his queenside majority. Tukmakov managed to find a nice way to make this plan possible:

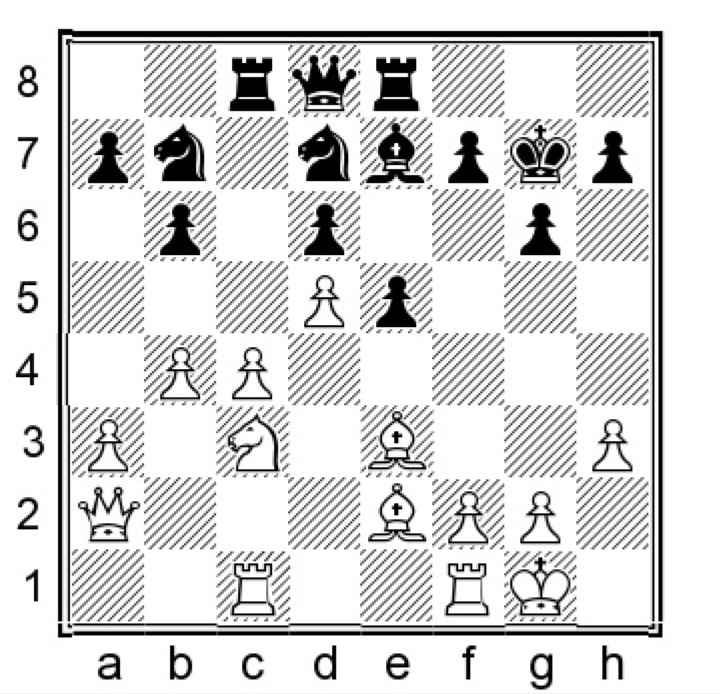
**16.♕c2! g6 17.♕a2! ♔g7**

17...♘d7 18.♘b5 ♖a8 (18...a6? 19.♘a7 ♖c7 20.♘c6+-) 19.b4±

**18.♗e2**

18.♘b5 ♕d7

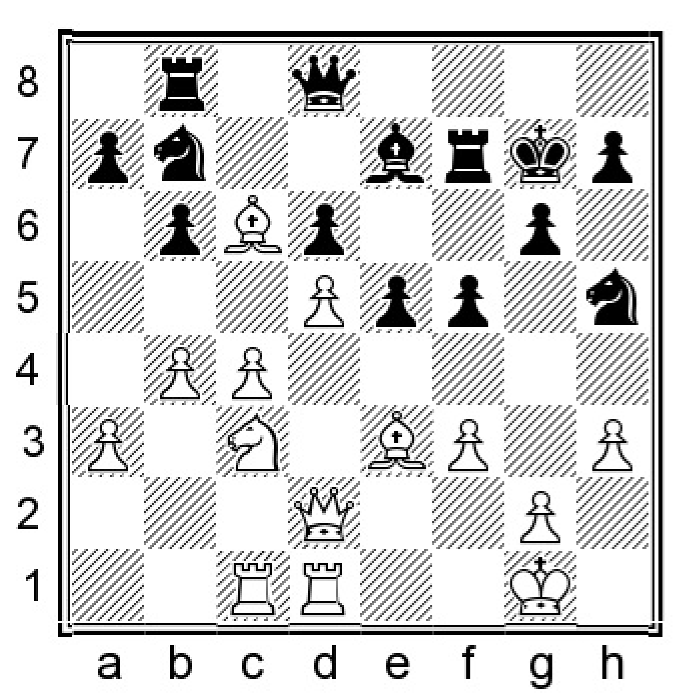
**18...♘d7 19.b4 ♘b7**



**20.♗d1! f5 21.♗a4 ♖f8 22.♗c6**

With the bishop in front of the pawn chain White is now clearly superior. His next step is to prepare the breakthrough c5:

**22...♖b8 23.f3 ♘f6 24.♖fd1 ♘h5 25.♕d2 ♖f7**

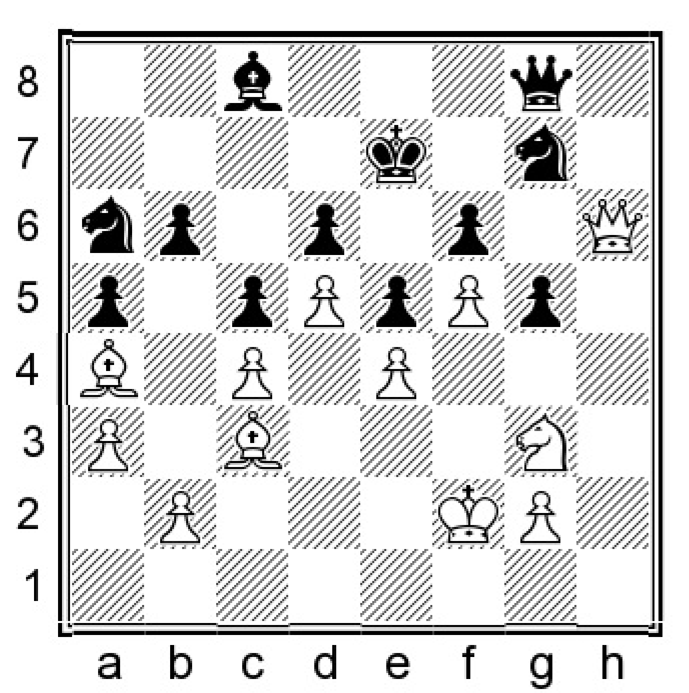


**26.♗xb7!**

A perfect centralisation! Now everything is ready for decisive actions:

**26...♖xb7 27.c5! bxc5 28.bxc5 dxc5 29.d6 ♝f6 30.♘a4!+- ♚g8 31.♘xc5 ♖b8 32.♘e6 ♕d7 33.♕d5 ♖e8 34.♘c5 ♕b5 35.♖b1 ♕a5 36.♖b7 ♖f8 37.♖xf7 ♖xf7 38.d7 ♝d8 39.♘b7 1-0**

**Furman, Semen - Kholmov, Ratmir**
**USSR (ch), 1948**



How to convert a large strategical advantage?

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**36.♗xe5!**

36.♗d2? Game continuation.

**36...dxe5**

36...fxe5 37.♕xg5+ ♔f7 38.♕g6+ ♔f8 39.♕xd6+ ♔f7 40.♕g6+ ♔f8 41.♕f6+ ♕f7 42.♕d8++-

**37.d6+ ♔xd6 38.♕xf6+ ♔c7 39.♕xe5+ ♔b7 40.♕d5+ ♕xd5 41.cxd5+-**

# STATE of PLAY with SABINA

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# IDEAS AND PLANS IN ISOLATED QUEEN’S PAWN (IQP)

## Positions from White’s Perspective

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My inspiration for this article comes from my childhood when my dad and I used to work on different positional themes. While, like most kids, I felt passionate about attacking chess, most of the time I played better games when I chose a healthy positional approach.

I remember one of my favorite themes being the Isolate Queen Pawn (IQP) positions, as it seemed to me that the side with the weak pawn could often build up a winning attack. The fondest memory comes from Laszlo Polgar's Chess Middlegames book, where my dad and I focused specifically on examples with the IQP. I remember in the beginning, that I was thinking that under normal circumstances the isolated pawn should be a weakness one would suffer from for the entire game. But, the more we would go through the examples, the more excited I got about the attacking ideas the isolated queen pawn presented. And, of course, the excitement kept building up and I wanted more and more to enter the positions with an isolated pawn, as I thought that as a famous Romanian expression says - "not everything that flies can be eaten". Basically, I thought that I could win every single IQP position by attacking my opponent.

It took me quite a while to actually have a nice game, which was the first example I thought of when creating this article. Before we go through my game selection, I thought I would do a short review of the advantages and disadvantages of playing with an IQP.

The examples arising with the IQP are ample and remain a common theme nowadays because those can be reached from many different openings: 1.e4, 1.d4, 1.c4 and, of course, from different more orders after 1.♘f3 as well. But, every minus has a plus too, so every advantage comes with some kind of disadvantage. For this article I have only selected examples from the White's side.

Let us start with the disadvantages: of course, first is the fact that having an isolated pawn is a weakness that will, or should be attacked by the opponent. It is a type of a chronic weakness that is difficult to get rid of if attacked properly by the opponent. A typical idea that can be utilized is to blockade it with a knight, keeping it from advancing further, while working on trading minor pieces to give the major pieces space to attack it without being bothered by White's forces. If minor piece trades are possible, the last step is to triple on the d-file followed by an e-pawn push to bring an additional threat leading to the pawn capture.

Aside from trading the pieces we can often anticipate an attack on the c-file and a queenside pawn push with b5-b4. Also, we often find Black blockading the d-pawn with a knight in an attempt to trade pieces and reach the endgame - sometimes trading the knights on c3 and creating hanging pawns, that at first sight improve the pawn structure from an IQP position to hanging pawns, but could also prove to be weaker and harder to defend than a single isolated pawn.

While these ideas are easy in theory, understanding the strengths of having the IQP could help the side possessing it to maintain activity and even attack the opponent's king. Given its placement in the centre, the IQP is the type of "nail" in the opponent's position, being the only pawn in the centre, it controls the e5-square supporting a knight on that square as well.

Further on, given the space behind the isolated pawn, it helps support a rook lift to the 3rd rank, typically happening via the a, d or 3-files followed by ♖g3 to attack the opponent's king. Given its placement it obviously keeps the opponent somewhat restricted. So White in this case, has more space, the e5-outpost for the knight and typically a much better and easier development for all of his pieces, while Black often struggles with the ♗c8. With the strong pawn on the d-file and often a bishop on the a2-g8 diagonal and rook on the e-file White usually has the f4-f5 ideas to attack as well.

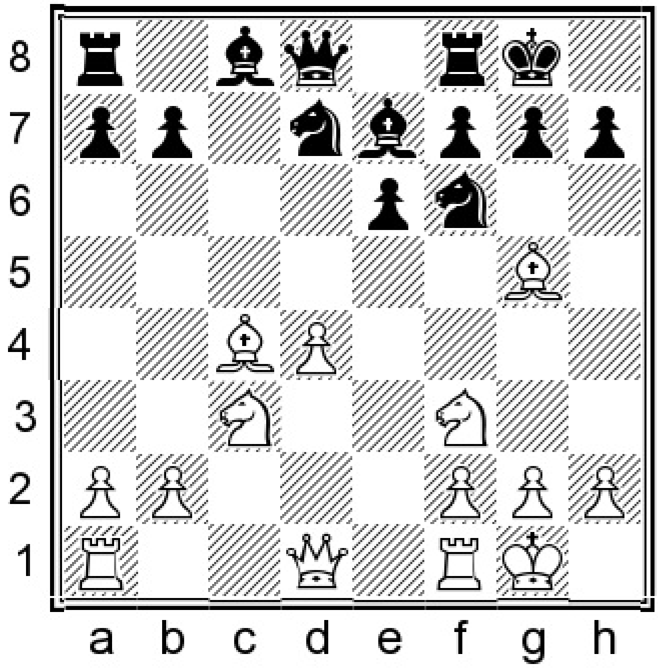
I remember a few interesting examples from my childhood that inspired me to this day. Though I am always excited about this theme, I have been in both situations having to play with the isolated pawn and against it, and yet I still find these positions to be so complex. Hopefully this review will be helpful for everyone to start acknowledging the dynamics of the position.

Let us proceed with my game selection.

**D60**
**Botvinnik, Mikhail Moisevich - Vidmar, Milan Sr**
**Nottingham, 1936**

This has been one of the first classical examples of the IQP that I saw and it I have kept it as an inspiration ever since.

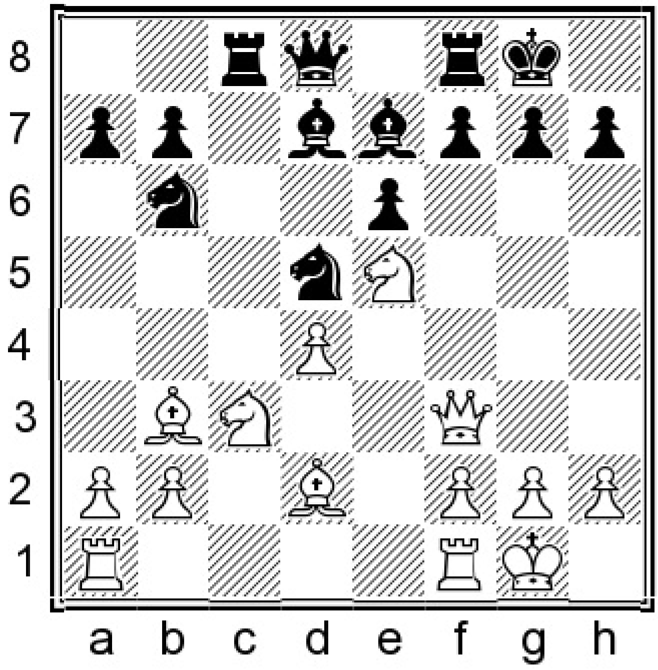
**1.c4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.♘c3 O-O 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.♗d3 c5 8.O-O cxd4 9.exd4 dxc4 10.♗xc4**



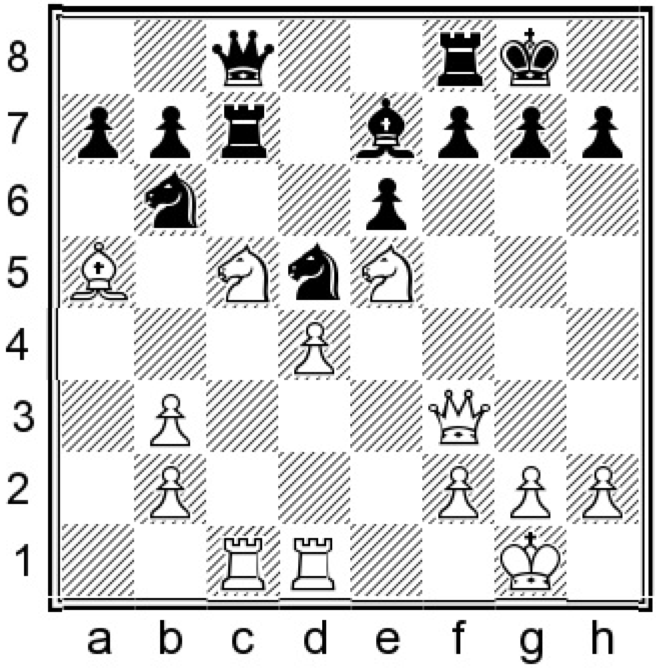
This is the pawn structure I decided to focus on in this article. Even now, some eighty years later, we are still playing in similar fashion.

**10...♘b6 11.♗b3 ♗d7**

In a recent game played on chess24.com, Hammer tried 11...♘fd5 in an attempt to trade the dark-square bishop. 12.♗d2 Of course, White is trying to avoid the trade to keep attacking ideas alive for later. The dark-square bishop is usually traded for the Nf6 to weaken Black's h7-square. 12...♗d7 13.♘e5 ♖c8 14.♕f3



⌓14...♗c6 (14...♗f6 15.♖fd1 ♗c6 16.♘e4 ♗e7 The game went on with I found 17.♘c5± to make Black's position very uncomfortable given the lack of space and, of course, it is difficult to chase or trade those two white knights back. (17.♖ac1 ♗a4 Now White played 18.♘c5 but one move too late, giving Black the opportunity to equalize after 18...♗xb3 19.axb3 ♖c7 20.♖a1 (20.♗a5? ♕c8

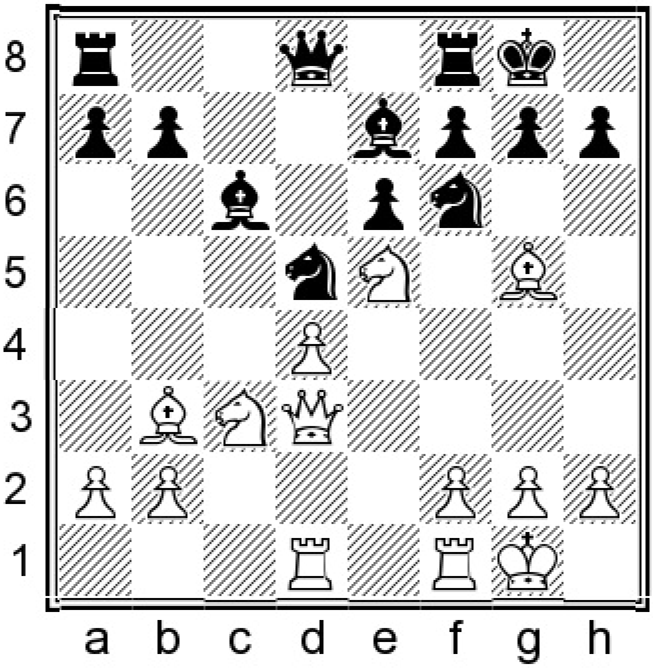


Though Black did even get the advantage later, due to the little amount of time on his clock, he blundered and lost in the end, this position is indeed a dream for Black and White didn't get the chance to build any kingside threats. 21.♘cd3 ♖xc1 22.♖xc1 ♕b8 23.♘c5 ♗xc5 24.♖xc5 f6 25.♘c4 ♔h8 26.g3 ♘d7 27.♖xd5 exd5 28.♕xd5 ♘b6 29.♗xb6 axb6 30.♘d6 ♕c7 31.♕e6 h6 32.d5 ♔h7 33.♕f5+ g6 34.♕e6 ♕g7= (34...♖d8?? 35.♘e8 1 : 0 Cruz,Cristhian 2557 - Hammer,Jon Ludvig 2635, chess24.com (Internet-m/4-blitz) 2019)) 20...♕c8 21.♕g3=)) 15.♘xc6 ♖xc6 16.♖ad1 ♗f6=

**12.♕d3 ♘bd5**

⌓12...♘fd5 Placing this knight instead seems to give Black a simpler path to equality. 13.♗xe7 (13.♗d2 ♘b4 14.♕e2 ♗c6=) 13...♘xe7 14.♖ad1 ♖c8 15.♘g5 ♘f5=

**13.♘e5 ♗c6 14.♖ad1**



**14...♘b4?!**

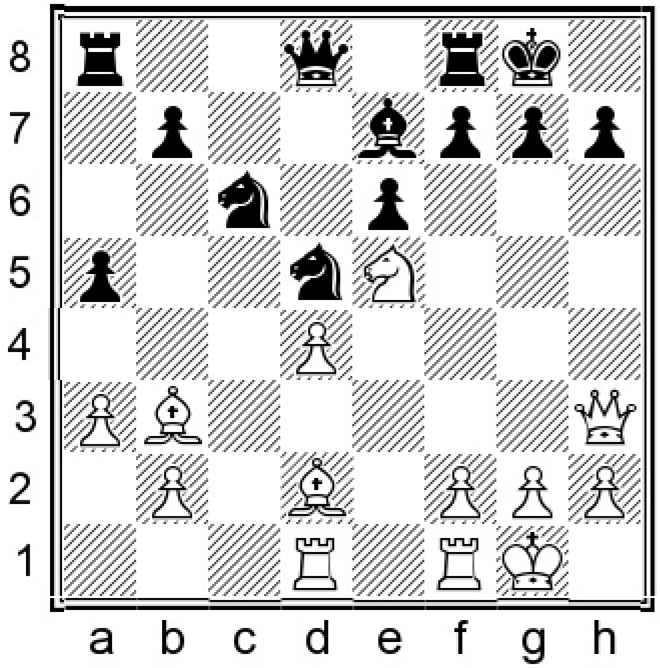
14...♘d7! Trying to trade the dark-square bishops has become an important idea in Black's defence mechanism against attacks on the king. 15.♗c2 g6 16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.♗h6 ♖e8 18.♘xd5 exd5 19.♗a4 ♖c8 20.♖c1 ♕b6=

**15.♕h3 ♗d5 16.♘xd5**

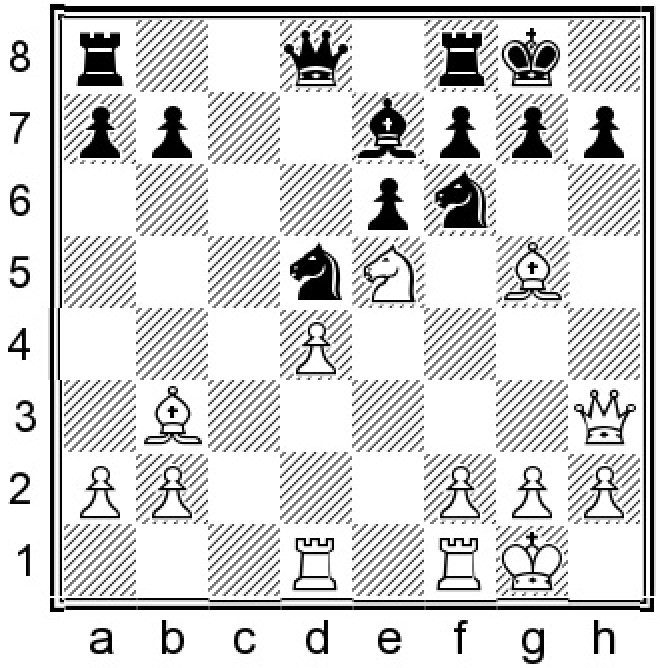
16.♗a4?! ♗c6 (16...a6? 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♘xd5 ♘xd5 19.♘d7+-) 17.♘xc6 ♘xc6 18.d5! exd5 19.♖fe1⩱

**16...♘bxd5??** The blunder after which Black colapses as it is almost impossible to defend against the weakening of the e6- and f7-squares.

16...♘fxd5 Not the ideal piece as it seems to weaken the h7-square, yet it keeps the other knight free to attempts to trade White's Ne5. 17.♗d2 a5 18.a3 ♘c6



19.♘xf7! ♔xf7 (19...♖xf7 20.♕xe6 ♘xd4 21.♕xd5 ♘xb3 22.♕xb3+-) 20.♖fe1 ♕d7 21.♕h5+ ♔g8 22.♖xe6 ♖ad8 23.♗c2 ♖f6 24.♕xh7+ ♔f8 25.♖ee1=∞



**17.f4!** A beautiful idea, that has become popular in these types of pawn structures. It cannot to be stopped by Black.

**17...♖c8 18.f5 exf5 19.♖xf5 ♕d6** Though this loses right away.

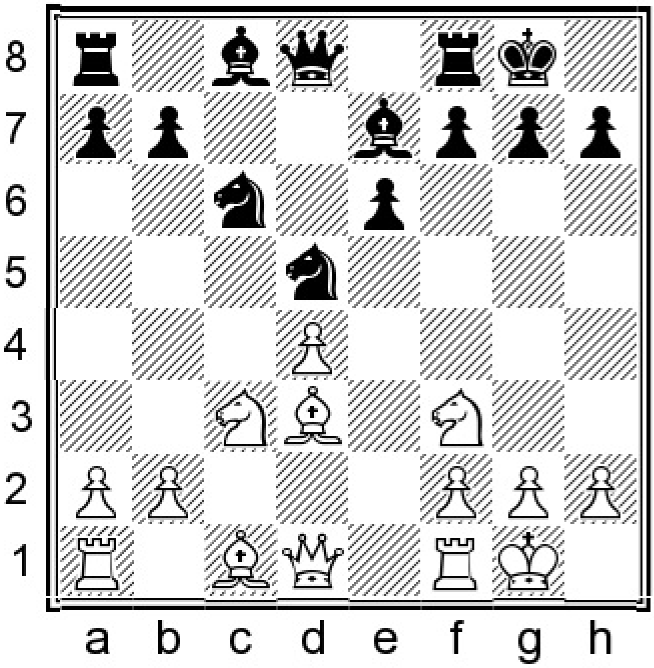
19...a5 allows White to continue the pressure with Rdf1, Qg3, Bh6 leading to a win.

**20.♘xf7 ♖xf7 21.♗xf6 ♗xf6 22.♖xd5 ♕c6 23.♖d6 ♕e8 24.♖d7 1-0**

Recently I have been looking into Smyslov's games and I found next few classical games worth going over.

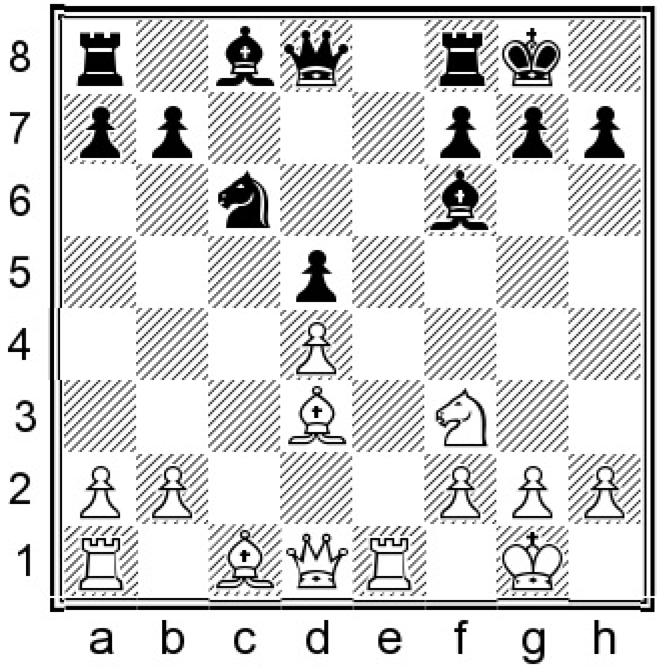
**D42**
**Smyslov, Vassily - Karpov, Anatoly**
**USSR (ch) 12/538, 1971**

**1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e3 e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.exd4 ♗e7 8.♗d3 O-O 9.O-O ♘c6**

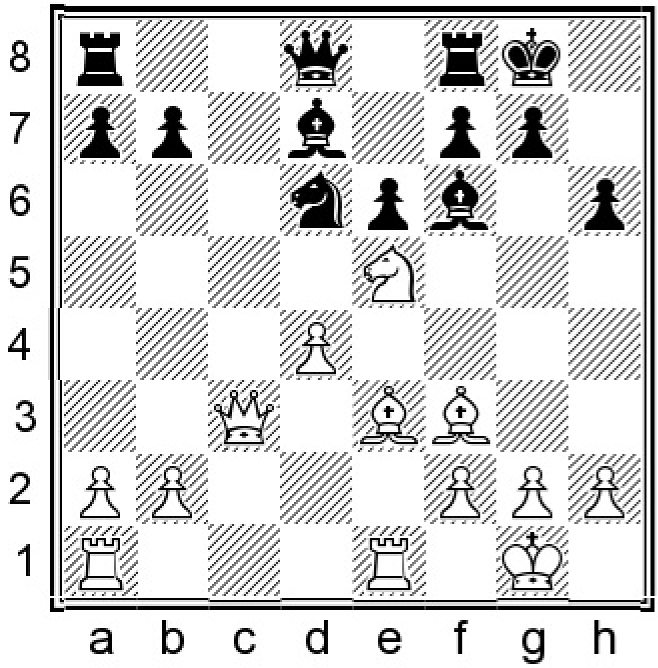


Now, as opposed to the previous game, White does not have the Bc1 developed yet, but can plan the support of the knight on e5 with **10.♖e1 ♘f6**

10...♗f6 is the more recent approach taken by Black in these positions. I have selected two interesting games: 11.♗e4! I like this idea by David Howell better than Mamedyarov's 11.Nd5. (11.♘xd5 exd5 Black chose to change the pawn structure, but White still has the e5-outpost for the knight.



12.♘e5!? ♘xd4 White sacrificed on d4 in order to open up Black's king with the typical: 13.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 14.♕xd4 ♔g8 15.♗f4 Though the position is quite balanced, Black ended up blundering towards the end and allowing White to win. 15...♗e6 16.♖ad1 ♕a5 17.a3 ♖ac8 18.♕e3 ♖fe8 19.♕g3 d4 20.h4 ♗f5 21.b4 ♕d5 22.h5 d3 23.h6 g6 24.♘f3 ♖e4 25.♖xe4 ♗xe4 26.♗e5 ♗xe5 (26...♗xf3?? 27.♗xf6 ♗xd1 28.♕h3 ♔h7 29.♕xc8 g5 30.♕h8+ ♔g6 31.♕g7+ ♔f5 32.♕xg5+ ♔e6 33.♕xd5+ ♔xd5 34.h7 d2 35.h8=♕ 1 : 0 Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar 2770 - Halkias,Stelios 2563, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020) 27.♕xe5 ♕xe5 28.♘xe5=) 11...♘ce7 12.♕d3 h6 13.♘e5 ♗d7 (13...♘xc3 14.♕xc3 ♘f5 15.♗e3 ♘d6 16.♗f3 ♗d7 Although White didn't get the chance to attack Black's king, the pressure put on the queenside kept the advantage and led to a win later on.



17.♖ac1± Howell,David 2666 - Volokitin,Andrei 2606, Riga (blitz) 2021) 14.♕g3 ♗c6 15.♘g4 h5

16.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 17.♗h6 ♘g4 18.♗g5 f6 19.♗d2 ♕xd4 20.♖ad1∞

**11.a3 b6 12.♗c2** Supporting the Qd3 idea with the battery on h7 and making sure the d4-pawn won't be hanging anytime soon.

12.♗f4!? seems more natural to finish development and get the rook to c1 before planing the queen + bishop battery. 12...♗b7 13.♖c1 ♖c8 14.♗b1 ♗d6 15.♗g5 h6 16.♗xf6 ♕xf6 17.♘e4 ♕e7 18.♕d3 g6 19.♕d2 ♔g7 20.b4±

**12...♗b7 13.♕d3 ♖c8**

13...♕c7 allows 14.d5 ♖fd8 15.♗g5±;

13...g6 14.♗h6 ♖e8 15.♖ad1± and White is getting ready to get rid of the IQP with d5. There are also ideas of Ba4 followed by Ne5.

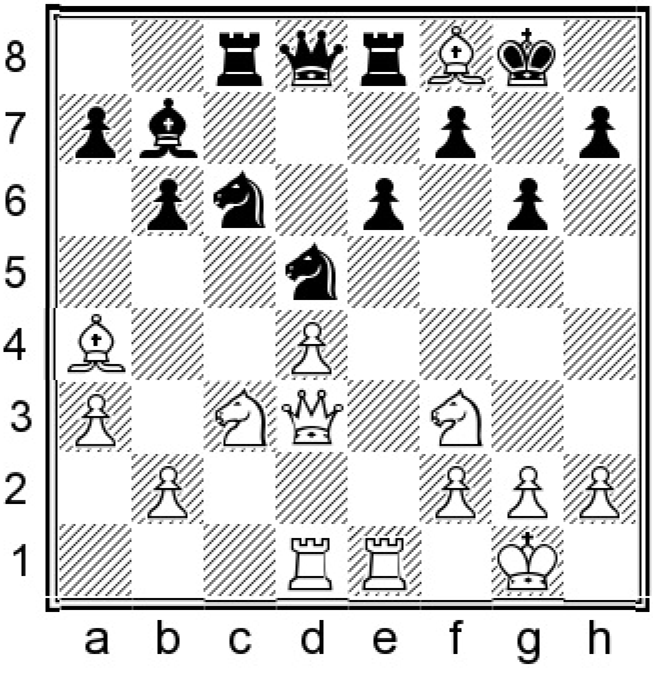
**14.♗g5 g6 15.♖ad1**

15.♗h6 was tried, but White blundered into a worse position a few moments later. 15...♖e8 16.♗a4 a6 17.b4 b5 18.♗b3 ♗f8 19.♗g5 h6 20.♗xf6 (20.♗h4?? g5-+ Durarbayli,Vasif 2629 - Nakamura,Hikaru 2736, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021) 20...♕xf6 21.♘e4 ♕g7 22.♖ad1 ♖ed8 23.♘c5=

**15...♘d5 16.♗h6 ♖e8 17.♗a4** This is another classical idea - chasing the rook to e8 followed by pinning the Nc6 to support the Ne5 and exerting pressure on both the Nc6 as well as the weak f7-pawn.

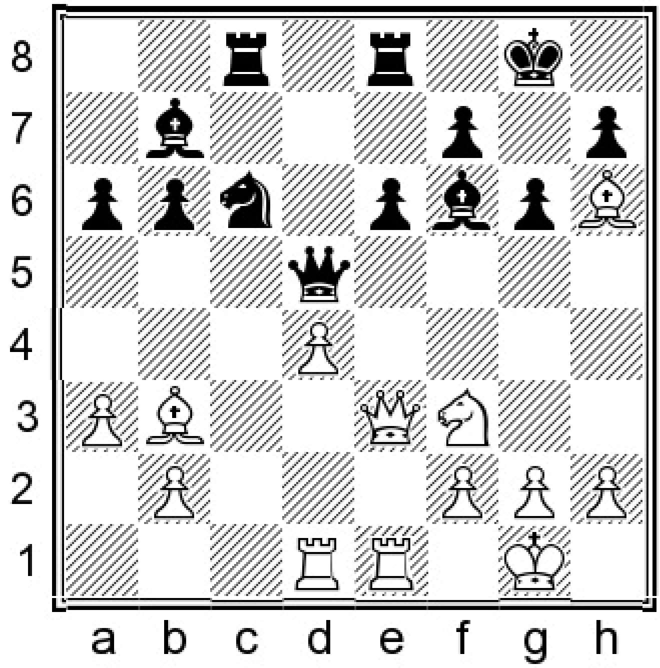
**17...a6?**

17...♗f8 has become a must, trading an important attacking piece. 18.♗c1 (18.♗xf8



18...♘xc3! 19.bxc3 ♖xf8∞ With two minor pieces traded off the board, Black's king-safety is not a problem anymore and he can focus on putting pressure on White's hanging c- and d-pawns.) 18...♗g7 19.h4 h6 20.h5 g5± White still maintains some advantage, but at least, Black is not in danger of getting mated.

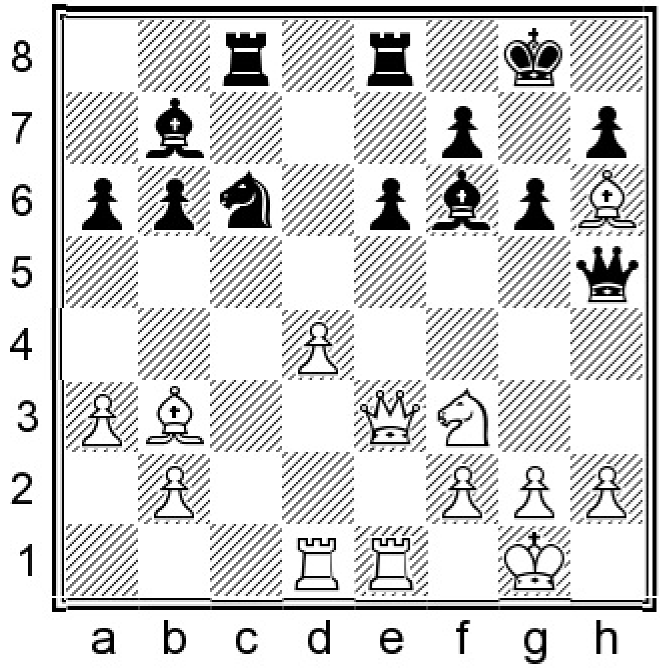
**18.♘xd5 ♕xd5 19.♕e3 ♗f6 20.♗b3**



**20...♕h5??**

The blunder that led to the devastating loss after the beautiful break!

20...♕d7 allows 21.d5 as well, but after 21...exd5 22.♕xb6 ♖xe1+ 23.♖xe1 ♗g7± Black at least avoids the instant loss of material.



**21.d5!!** A typical way of getting rid of the IQP while maintaining the advantage. This idea can often lead to equal endgames, but here White simply dominates.

**21...♘d8**

21...exd5?? obviously fails to backrank mate. 22.♕xe8+ ♖xe8 23.♖xe8#

**22.d6**

22.♗g5 would have won in an even nicer fashion as once the dark-square bishop is traded off, Black will colapse with so many weak dark squares. 22...♗xg5 (22...♗g7 23.♕xb6+-) 23.♘xg5+- followed by Ne4.

**22...♖c5 23.d7 ♖e7 24.♕f4 ♗g7 25.♕b8 ♕xh6 26.♕xd8+ ♗f8 27.♖e3 ♗c6 28.♕xf8+ ♕xf8 29.d8=♕ 1-0**

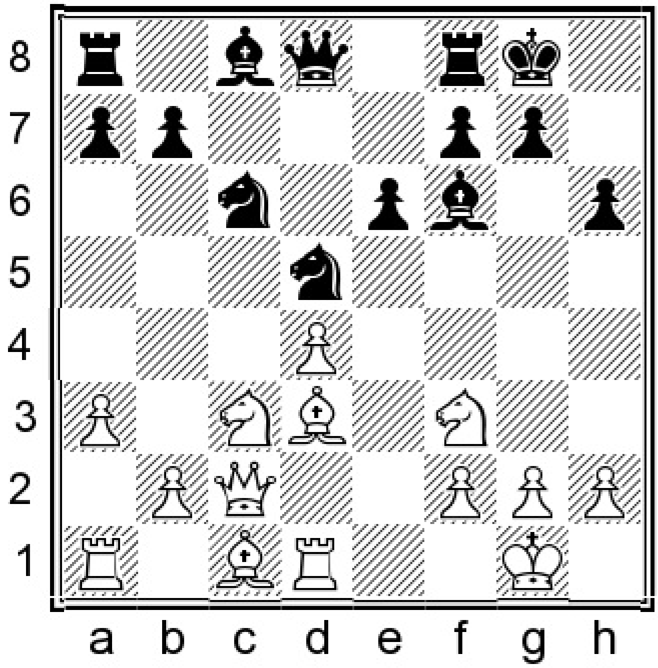
The next two games were played during the same candidates match and I found them both to be beautiful examples of the IQP theme. In the first game White failed to keep the advantage at first and allowed Black direct play on the queenside. In fact, it was Black who dominated for some time before blundering into a worse position.

**D42**
**Smyslov, Vassily (2595) - Ribli, Zoltan (2595)**
**London (m/5) 36/505, 1983**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.♘c3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♗d3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.a3 cxd4 10.exd4 ♗f6 11.♕c2**

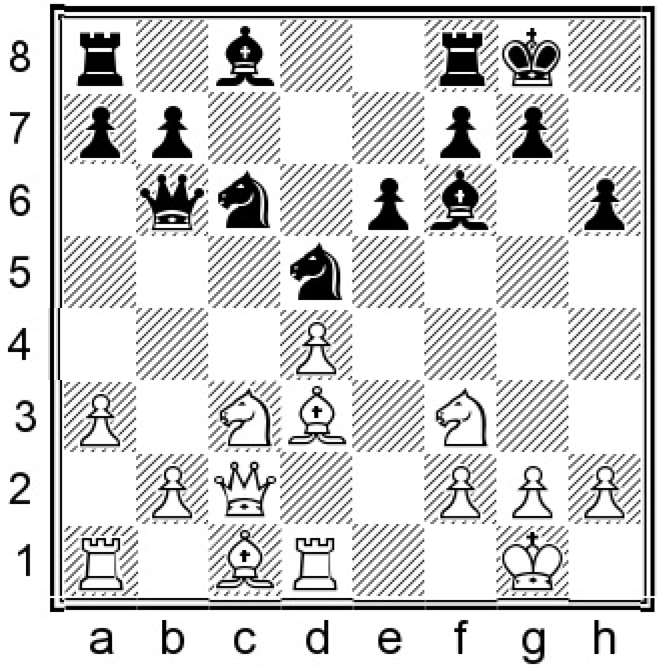
11.♗e4 was White's improvement to keep a small advantage and we'll be seeing it in the next game too.

**11...h6 12.♖d1**



**12...♕b6?!** This move was not the best approach for Black. A more pressing matter is making sure not to get mated on h7 and developing the Bc8.

12...♖e8!? 13.♕e2 ♗xd4 14.♘xd4 ♘xd4 15.♕e4 ♘f5 16.g4 ♘f6 17.♕g2 ♘h4 18.♕g3 ♘d5 19.♗b5 ♖f8 20.♗e3=∞ Though White has the advantage in development and the bishop pair, Black has an extra pawn that will take some time recouping.



**13.♗c4?!**

13.♗h7+! would have been the right approach as follows: 13...♔h8 14.♗e4 ♖d8 15.g4!→ is my kind of move, leading to a sharp postion, taking advantage of Black's queenside not being developed and playing against the h6-hook with the idea of h4 and g5 to attack!

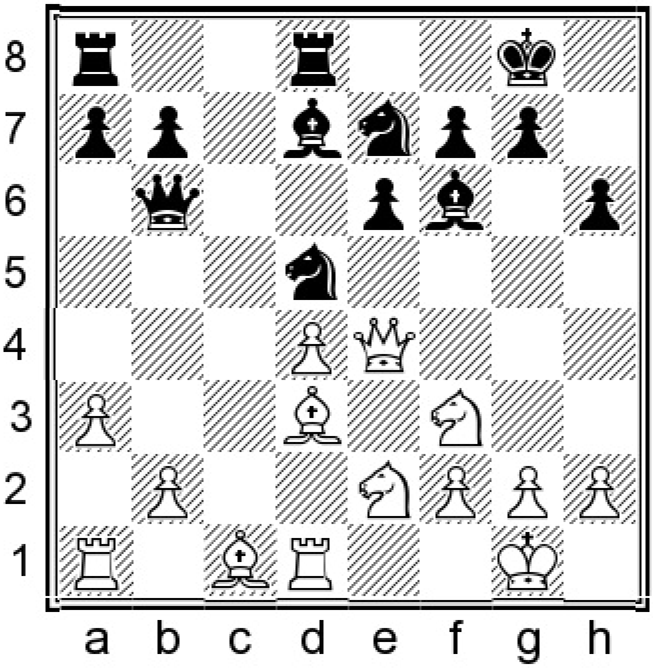
**13...♖d8**

13...♘ce7!? 14.♘e5 ♖d8 15.♕e4 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♗xe5 17.♕xe5 ♕c6 18.♕e2 b6=

**14.♘e2?** A mistake that gave Black sufficient time to develop and take the initiative.

14.h3 ♘xc3 15.bxc3 ♘e7 16.♕e4 ♗d7=

**14...♗d7 15.♕e4 ♘ce7 16.♗d3**



**16...♗a4?** Letting the advantage to slip away.

16...♘f5! 17.g4 (17.♘g3 ♗a4 and now 18.♖e1 ♗xd4 19.♘xf5 ♗xf2+ 20.♔f1 exf5 21.♕xf5 g6-+) 17...♘d6 18.♕h7+ ♔f8 19.♘g3 ♔e7 20.♗f1 ♖ac8-+ White's checks didn't lead to much and now it is Black that starts to put pressure on the queenside with Ba4, Rc2.

**17.♕h7+ ♔f8 18.♖e1**

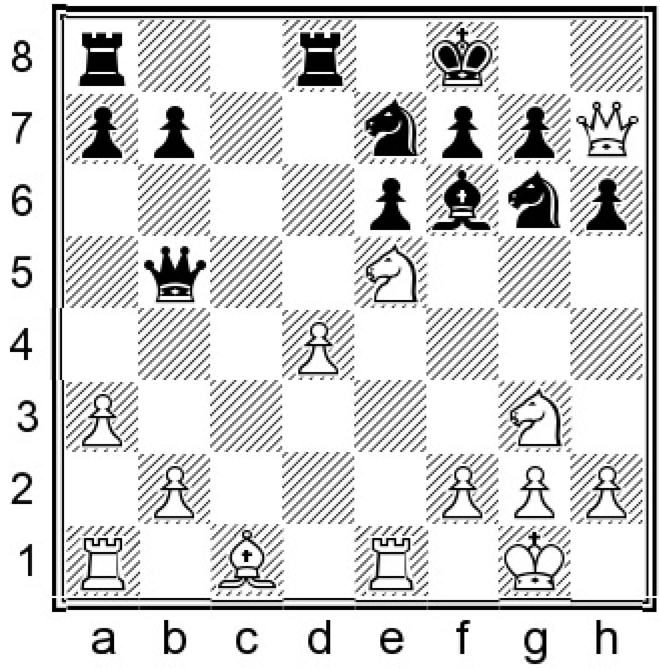
18.b3!? ♗b5 (18...♕xb3 19.♖e1 ♕b6 20.♖b1 ♕c6 21.♗d2+-; 18...♗xb3 19.♖e1 a5 20.♖b1±) 19.a4 ♗xd3 20.♖xd3 ♘g6 21.h4±

**18...♗b5 19.♗xb5 ♕xb5 20.♘g3**

20.a4 ♕b3 21.♖a3 ♕b4 22.♗d2 ♕b6 23.a5 ♕b5 24.♘g3±

**20...♘g6 21.♘e5 ♘de7??** The blunder that proved fatal, allowing a typical sacrifice.

21...♕a5 would have kept equal material on the board and a safer king. 22.b4 ♕c7 23.♗e3 ♗xe5 24.dxe5 ♘xe3 25.♖xe3 ♖ac8 26.h3±



**22.♗xh6!** - after which it was just a matter of technique for White to convert the game.

**22...♘xe5 23.♘h5 ♘f3+ 24.gxf3 ♘f5**

24...♕xh5?? 25.♕h8+ ♘g8 26.♗xg7++-

**25.♘xf6 ♘xh6 26.d5 ♕xb2 27.♕h8+ ♔e7 28.♖xe6+ fxe6 29.♕xg7+ ♘f7 30.d6+ ♖xd6 31.♘d5+ ♖xd5 32.♕xb2 b6 33.♕b4+ ♔f6 34.♖e1 ♖h8 35.h4 ♖hd8 36.♖e4 ♘d6 37.♕c3+ e5 38.♖xe5 ♖xe5 39.f4 ♘f7 40.fxe5+ ♔e6 41.♕c4+ 1-0**

**D42**
**Smyslov, Vassily (2595) - Ribli, Zoltan (2595)**
**London (m/7) 36/506, 1983**

White's play in this game was to my liking considering that from a psychological point of view Smyslov repeated the same opening, but had a nice improvement in the moment he misplayed in the previous game. This is the type of spirit I enjoy seeing these days and this is the reason I always encourage everyone reading stories about the classical World Champions and analyzing their games. It is the right way to learn and improve, in my opinion.

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.♘c3 c5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e3 ♘c6 7.♗d3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.a3 cxd4 10.exd4 ♗f6 11.♗e4 ♘ce7**

Still a main line up to here. **12.♘e5**

12.♕d3 was a more recent attempt by White, but I still prefer the text move. 12...h6 13.♘e5 ♘xc3 14.♕xc3 ♘f5 15.♗e3= with a balanced position from the game Karpov,Anatoly 2690 - Timman,Jan 2620, Moscow 1981 - 31/459

**12...g6**

12...♘f5 was Svidler's attempt to maintain equality in his game against Artemiev. 13.♖e1 ♘de7 14.♗e3 ♘xe3 15.♖xe3 (15.fxe3 ♗xe5 16.dxe5 ♕a5 and the game eventually ended in a draw after interesting play on both sides. 17.♕d6 ♘f5 18.♗xf5 exf5 19.b4 ♕d8 20.♖ac1 a5 21.♘d5 ♗e6 22.♘c7 ♕xd6 23.exd6 ♖ad8 24.♖ed1 axb4 25.axb4 ♖d7 26.♘xe6 fxe6 27.♖c7 ♖fd8 28.♖xd7 ♖xd7= Artemiev,Vladislav 2704 - Svidler,Peter 2760, Russia 2018) 15...g6 16.♕f3 ♗g7 17.♖d1± is an interesting approach for White that makes it difficult for Black to finish development due to the pressure on b7;

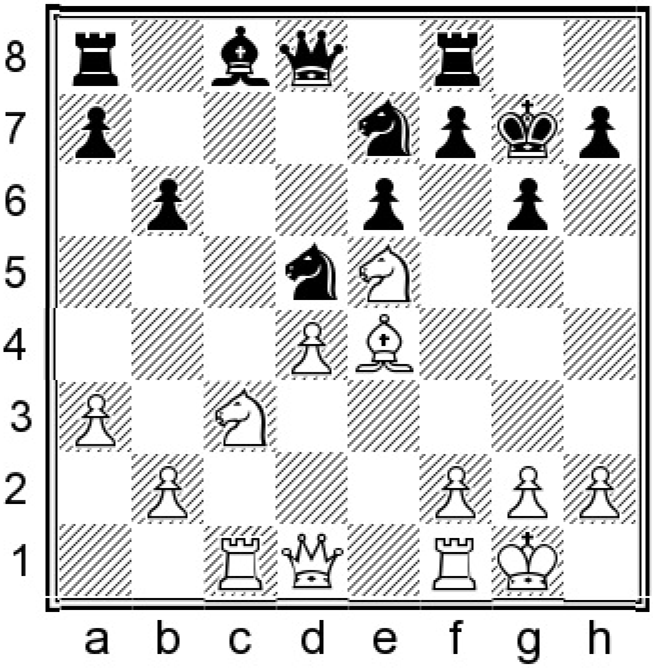
12...♘g6 could have been another idea to keep his king safe. 13.♗xd5 exd5 14.f4 ♘e7 15.♗e3 g6=

**13.♗h6 ♗g7 14.♗xg7**

14.♕d2 b6 15.♘xd5 exd5 (15...♘xd5 16.♖ac1 ♗b7 17.f3 ♗xh6 18.♕xh6 ♖c8 19.♗xd5 ♕xd5 20.♕f4±) 16.♗f3 ♘f5 17.♗f4±

**14...♔xg7 15.♖c1 b6**

15...♘f6 16.♕e2 ♖b8 17.♖fd1 b6 18.♕f3 ♘xe4 19.♘xe4 f6 20.♘d3 ♖b7=



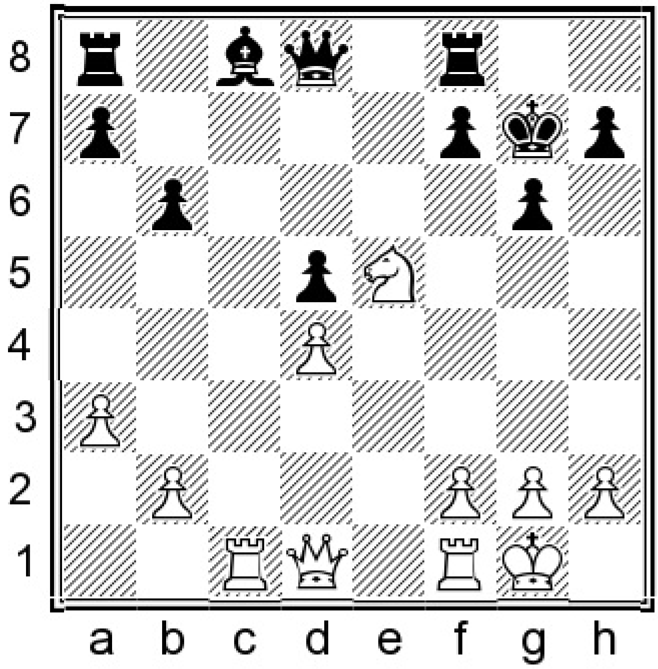
After the trade of the dark-square bishops and Black managing to cover the h7-square by playing g6 comes a moment when White realizes that the kingside attack is no longer a main goal. Important decision of combining ideas on the queenside with the central play has to be made at this point.

**16.♘xd5**

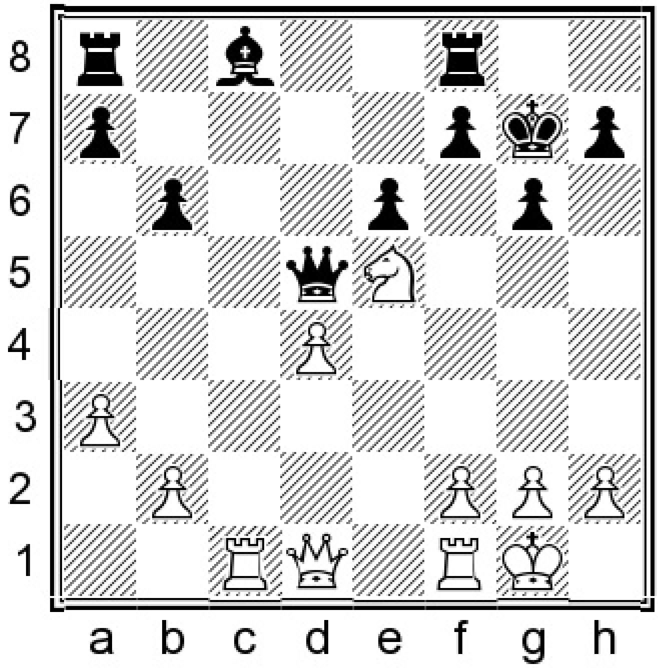
16.♗xd5 ♘xd5 17.♘xd5 exd5 (17...♕xd5 18.♖c7) 18.♕d2±

**16...♘xd5 17.♗xd5 ♕xd5?**

17...exd5



would have been the right approach. It isn't easy to make this move and leave White's IQP go away, but in many circumstances it is necessary; this being one of those. 18.♕f3 (18.♕d2 ♗e6 19.♖fe1 ♕f6 20.g4 (20.♖c3 ♖ac8) 20...♖ac8 21.h3 h5 22.♔g2 hxg4 23.hxg4 ♖xc1 24.♖xc1 ♖h8 25.♕e3±) 18...♗e6 19.♕f4 ♕f6 20.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 21.♖c7 ♖fc8 22.♖fc1 ♖xc7 23.♖xc7 ♖c8 24.♖xc8 ♗xc8 25.♔f1± leading to an endgame that is certainly in White's favour, due to the superior knight vs the bishop, but Black should be able to hold.

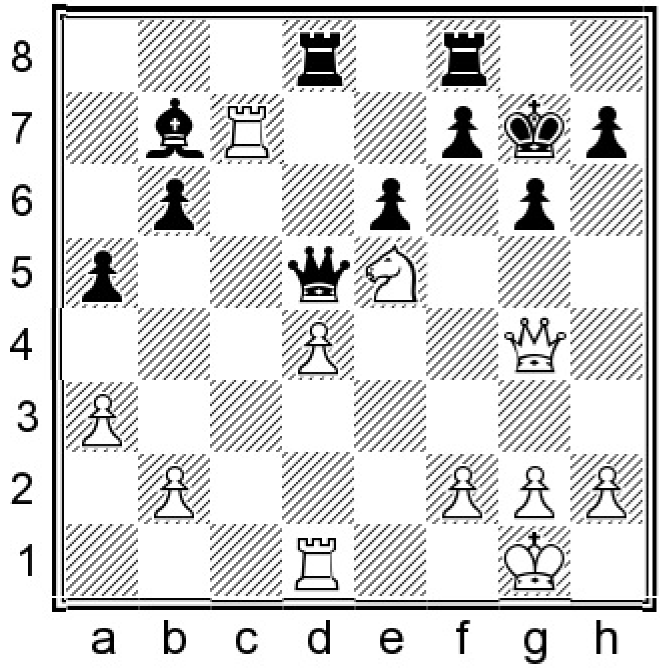


**18.♖c7!** This is the type of idea I was refering to a few moves earlier before White traded the minor pieces on d5. This idea is important given that Black is still behind in development.

**18...♗b7 19.♕g4 ♖ad8**

19...♖ac8 20.♖e7 (20.♖d7 ♕e4 21.♕xe4 ♗xe4 22.♖xa7 ♖c2 23.f3 ♗d5 24.b4±) 20...♕e4 21.♕xe4 ♗xe4 22.f3 ♗d5 23.♖xa7±

**20.♖d1 a5** Now that all of White's pieces are active, it is time to open up a new front.

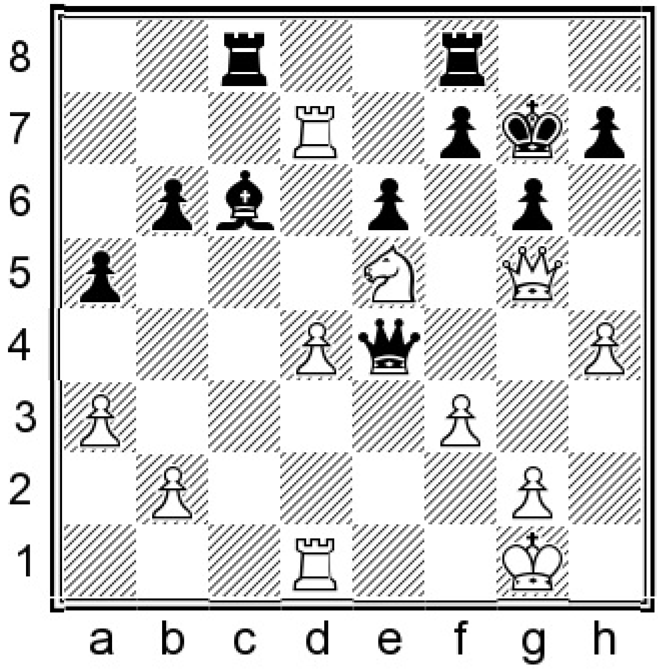


**21.h4! ♖c8** This is an attempt to trade the active piece, which was, of course, denied by White with **22.♖d7**

22.♖e7!? ♕e4 23.♕xe4 ♗xe4 24.b4 a4 25.f3 ♗d5 26.b5!±

**22...♕e4 23.♕g5 ♗c6 24.f3?** White has a little bit misplayed here and could have given Black enough time to push his active pieces back.

24.♖e7 ♖ce8 25.♖a7 ♖a8 26.♘xc6 ♕xc6 27.h5±



**24...♕f5??**

24...h6! would have been an important in-between move leading to piece trades and a more or less equal rook endgame. 25.fxe4 hxg5 26.♘xc6 ♖xc6 27.hxg5 ♖c2=

**25.♖a7 ♗a4**

Though it might have bee the reason for Qf5, White wasn't afraid of the queen trade, on the contrary he would have been happy adding a pawn to g5, while maintaining his "beast" knight on e5. 25...♕xg5 26.hxg5+- and Black's pieces are all passive and unable to get activated in a attempt for counterplay.

**26.♖e1 ♖c2 27.b4** With all active pieces, White soon converted the game.

**27...♗b3**

27...h6 28.♕e3 g5 29.d5! exd5 30.bxa5 bxa5 31.♖xa5+-

**28.bxa5 bxa5 29.♖e4 h6 30.♕e3 ♖b2 31.♖g4 g5 32.hxg5 h5 33.♖g3 h4 34.♖g4 h3 35.g6 h2+ 36.♔xh2 ♖h8+ 37.♔g3 ♖xg2+ 38.♔xg2 ♕c2+ 39.♕f2 ♖h2+ 40.♔xh2 ♕xf2+ 41.♔h3 ♕f1+ 42.♖g2 ♕h1+ 1-0**

**E32**
**Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2238) - Baginskaite, Camilla (2267)**
**USA (ch), 2014**

This was probably my first win in IQP that made me believe the lessons learned in childhood had not gone to waste.

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.♘f3 d5 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗h4**

7.♗xf6 ♕xf6 8.a3 ♗xc3+ 9.♕xc3 dxc4 10.♕xc4 ♘c6=

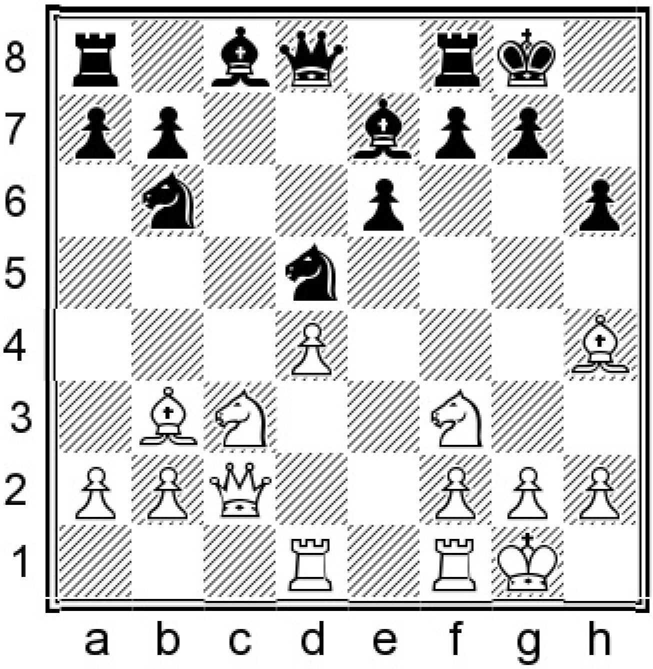
**7...c5 8.e3 cxd4 9.exd4 dxc4?!** A rush by my opponent that gave me a lead in development. She had to wait one more move for the Bf1 to be developed first.

9...♘c6 10.a3 ♗e7 11.♖d1 b6 12.cxd5 ♘xd5=

**10.♗xc4 ♘bd7 11.O-O ♘b6 12.♗b3 ♗e7** This was my opponent's choice to try to trade the dark-square bishops. It isn't easy for Black to develop the Bc8 as after

12...♗d7 White continues with a plan we have just seen from the classics as follows: 13.♘e5 ♗c6 14.♕d3 ♘bd5 15.f4±

**13.♖ad1 ♘fd5**



**14.♗g3?!** A little innacuracy, though it is helpful for White to maintain the dark-square bishop.

Trading would have speed up things as follows: 14.♗xe7 ♘xe7 (14...♕xe7 15.♘e5 ♗d7 16.♘xd5 exd5 (16...♘xd5 17.♗xd5 exd5 18.♕c7+-) 17.♖fe1 ♗e6 18.♕d3±) 15.♘e5 ♗d7 16.f4→

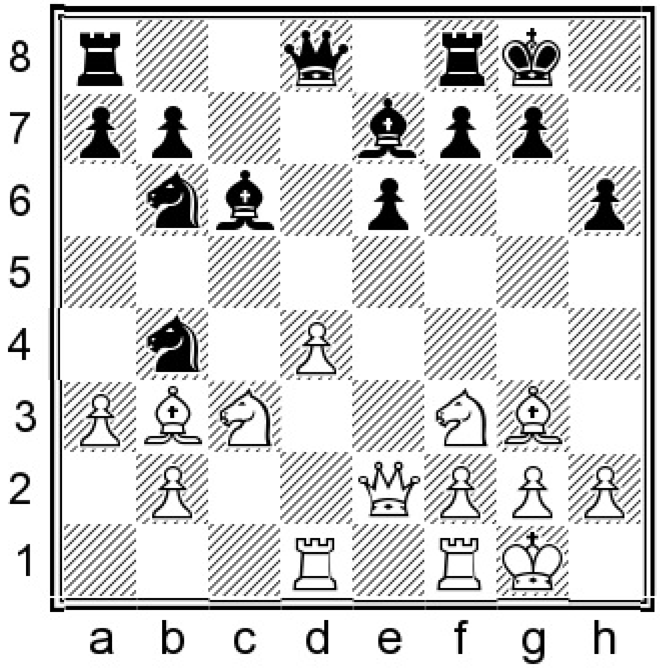
**14...♗d7 15.♕d3 ♘b4 16.♕e2**

16.♕e4!? was my first thought, but I couldn't find advantage after: 16...♗c6 17.♕g4 a5 18.♘e5 ♘4d5 19.♘xc6 bxc6 20.♗c2 a4=

**16...♗c6?!**

16...a5 would have led to a balanced position. 17.a3 a4 18.d5 exd5 19.♘xd5 ♘4xd5 20.♗xd5 ♘xd5 21.♖xd5 ♕e8 22.♖e5 ♗e6 23.♘d4 ♗f6=

**17.a3**

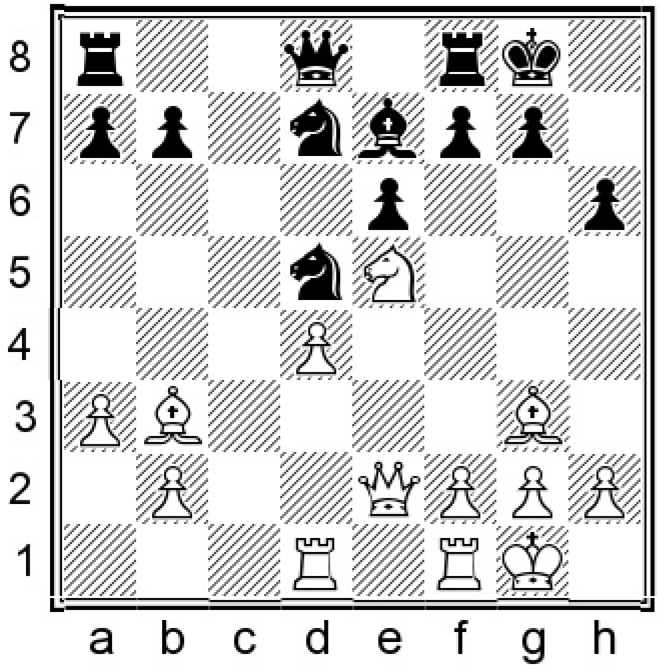


**17...♗d5?** My opponent's attempt to trade the light-square bishop fails because White has sufficient time to put the pieces in such manner that supports a kingside attack.

17...♘4d5! 18.♘e5 ♖c8 19.♖d2 (19.f4? ♘xc3 20.bxc3 ♗a4 21.♕b2 ♗xb3 22.♕xb3 ♕d5∓ and with the change in pawn structure, now it is Black that has the initiative.) 19...♘xc3 20.bxc3 ♗xa3 21.c4∞

**18.♘xd5 ♘4xd5 19.♘e5 ♘d7?**

19...g6 20.f4 ♗f6 21.♖f3→



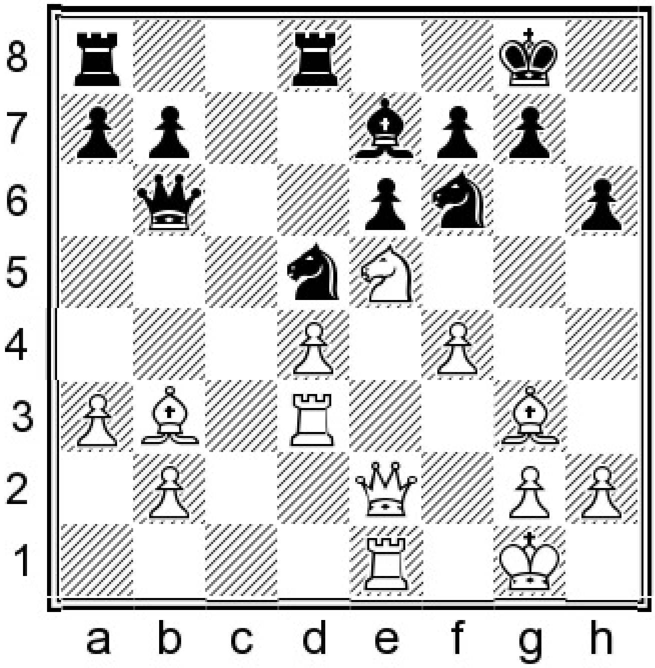
**20.♖fe1?!** Missing a nice tactical stroke.

20.♘xf7! would have worked immediately 20...♖xf7 21.♕xe6 ♘7b6 (21...♘7f6 22.♗e5 ♔f8

23.♖fe1+-) 22.♖de1 ♗f6 23.♗d6 ♗xd4 24.♗xd5 ♘xd5 25.♕xd5±

**20...♘7f6 21.f4 ♕b6 22.♖d3 ♖fd8??**

22...♖ad8 keeps the king safe, but of course, White maintains the advantage having so much control in the centre after 23.♔h1 g6 24.♗c4 ♗d6 25.♕f3±



**23.f5! exf5 24.♘xf7 ♖e8**

24...♔xf7 25.♕xe7+ ♔g6 26.♗xd5 ♘xd5 (26...♖xd5 27.♗c7 ♕xb2 28.♖g3++-) 27.♖e6+ ♔h7 28.♖xb6 ♘xe7 29.♖xb7+-

**25.♕f3 ♔xf7 26.♗xd5+ ♔f8 27.♗xb7** - and from here it was just a matter of technique for White to convert the game.

**27...♖ab8 28.♗c6 ♕xb2 29.♗xe8 ♖xe8 30.♕xf5 ♗xa3 31.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 32.h3 ♔f7 33.♗e5 ♗e7 34.♖g3 1-0**

And when I thought that I understood well enough these type of IQP positions, I ended up messing up my next one.

**D31**
**Foisor, Sabina Francesca (2274) - Dhulipalla, Bala Chandra Prasad (2414)**
**Sitges, 2019**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 a6 4.♗f4 ♘f6 5.e3 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.a3 dxc4 8.♗xc4 cxd4 9.exd4 ♗d6**

9...♗e7 has been attempted before, leading with to position with advantage for White after 10.O-O O-O 11.♗a2± Gustafsson,Jan 2640 - Eichler,Christoph 2286, Deutschland 2017

**10.♗g5**

10.♗xd6 would only lead to equality after 10...♕xd6 11.d5?! exd5 12.♘xd5 ♗g4 (12...♘xd5 13.♗xd5 ♕e7+ (13...O-O?? 14.♗xf7+) 14.♕e2 O-O 15.♕xe7 ♘xe7=) 13.♕e2+ ♔f8=

**10...♗e7**

10...O-O would have been an alternative, but Black should eventually play Be7 to unpin himself. So, most likely it is a move order difference.

**11.O-O O-O 12.♗a2**

I have considered other approaches in this position, but decided the text move to be the safest choice, given that b5 is anyway a part of Black's plan to solve development issue of the c8-bishop.

12.♖e1 b5 13.♗a2 ♗b7 14.♕d3 ♖c8=;

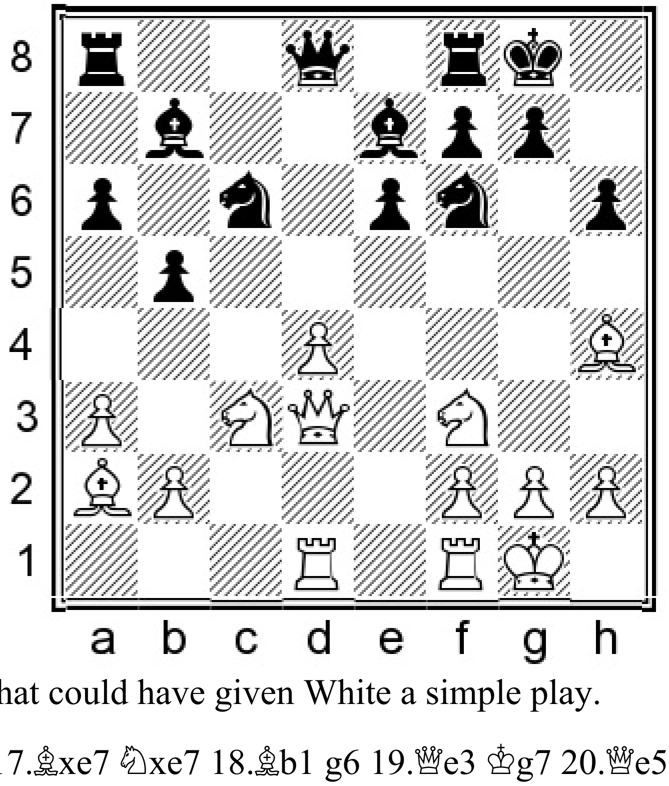
12.♕d3 h6 13.♗h4 ♘h5 14.♗xe7 ♘xe7 15.♘e5 ♘f6=;

12.♗b3 b5 13.♕d3 ♗b7 14.♗c2 g6=

**12...h6**

12...b5 13.♕d3 ♗b7 14.♖ad1 ♖c8 would transpose to the above mentioned line.

**13.♗h4 b5 14.♕d3 ♗b7 15.♖ad1**



**15...♖e8?** An innacuracy that could have given White a simple play.

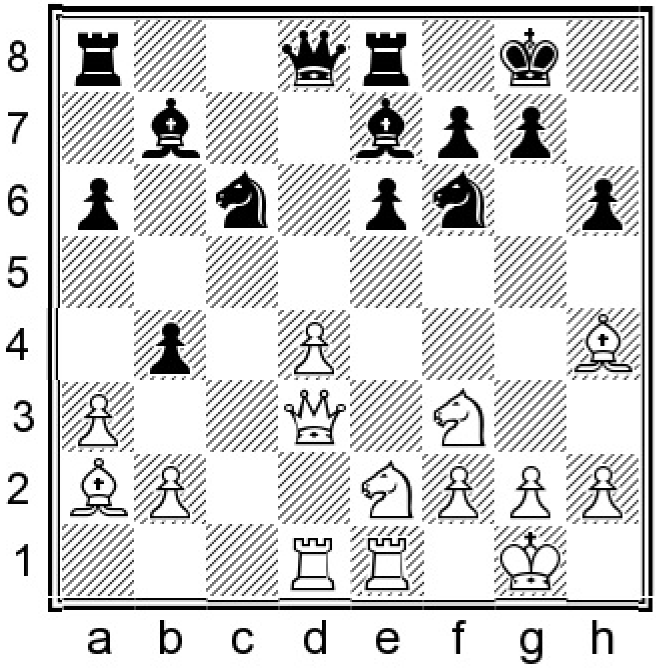
15...♘d5? 16.♘xd5 exd5 17.♗xe7 ♘xe7 18.♗b1 g6 19.♕e3 ♔g7 20.♕e5+ ♔h7 21.♖fe1 ♘c6 22.♕g3±;

15...b4! 16.♘a4 (16.axb4? ♘xb4) 16...♘d7 17.♗b1 g6 18.♗g3 (18.♗xe7 ♘xe7 19.h4 ♕a5) 18...♕a5=

**16.♖fe1?!** If one does not take advantage of opportunities when they arise, it is possible they may not be there again, and that is exactly what happened to me.

16.♗b1! g6 (16...b4?? 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♕h7+ ♔f8 19.d5! exd5 20.♘xd5+-) 17.♖fe1 ♘d5 (17...b4 18.♘a4 ♘d5 (18...♘d7? 19.♖xe6!±; 18...bxa3)) 18.♘xd5 (18.♗xe7 ♘cxe7 19.♘e5 (19.♘e4 ♘f5 20.♘e5=) 19...♘xc3 20.bxc3 ♘f5 21.a4 bxa4 22.♗c2∞) 18...♕xd5 19.♗xe7 ♘xe7 20.♕d2 ♕h5 21.♖e5 ♘f5 22.♗e4 ♗xe4 23.♖xe4 ♖ac8 24.♖c1± and considering that Black's queen remained somewhat trapped on the kingside, White has some chances in the endgame.

**16...b4 17.♘e2?!**



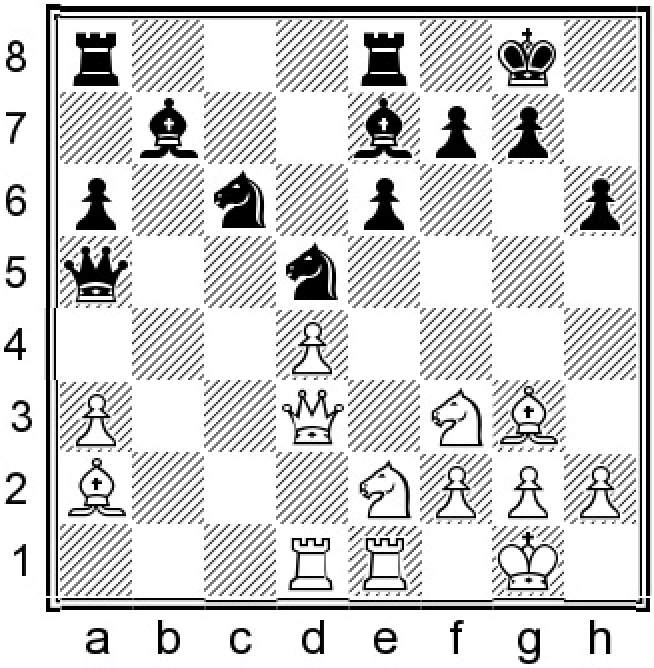
17.♗b1?? bxc3 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♕h7+ ♔f8 20.d5 ♘a5 21.d6 (21.dxe6 ♖xe6 22.♖xd8+ ♖xd8∓) 21...g5∓;

17.♘a4 It wasn't easy to make this move, though it was the correct one in this position. The IQP supports the c5-square too, not just the e5. 17...bxa3 (17...♕a5 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♘c5) 18.bxa3 ♕a5 19.♗xf6 ♕xa4 20.♗xe7 ♘xe7 21.♘e5 ♘d5=

**17...♘d5! 18.♗g3**

18.♗b1?? ♗xh4 19.♕h7+ ♔f8-+

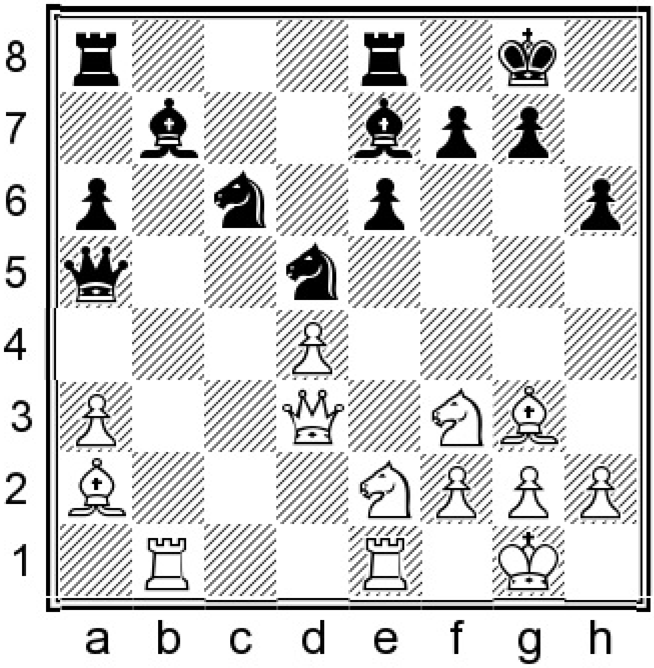
**18...bxa3 19.bxa3 ♕a5**



The most important thing to learn is that not in every position one is able to build up an attack and you have to remain objective. I failed to do so in this game and messed up the next move. This is an important position where I had to accept that Black defended well and I had to give up the bishop pair and keep the equality. Being overly confident is not always the best approach in chess.

**20.♖b1??**

20.♗xd5 exd5 (20...♕xd5?? 21.♘c3 ♕a5 22.♖b1! ♖a7 23.d5 exd5 24.♘xd5+-) 21.♕b3 ♕b5 22.♕xb5 axb5 23.♘c3=



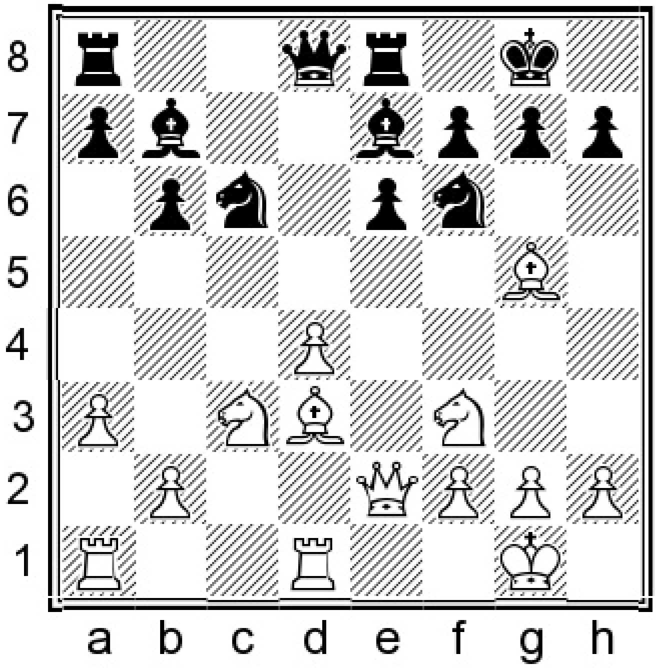
Here my opponent missed 20...♘cb4, a beautiful idea after which White's position collapses. 21.axb4 ♕xa2 22.♖a1 ♘xb4-+;

Instead, he played Here my opponent missed **20...♖a7?** giving me one more chance to reach equality, which I missed again. The game continued and I ended up losing in the end, but I don't find it helpful for our topic, so I will not bother our readers with it.

My next three games are an atempt to show how the current World Champion approaches positions with IQP.

**D42**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2870) - Harikrishna, Penteala (2731)**
**Kolkata (blitz), 2019**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c5 5.e3 ♘c6 6.cxd5 ♘xd5 7.♗d3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♕e2 cxd4 10.exd4 ♘f6 11.♖d1 b6 12.a3 ♗b7 13.♗g5 ♖e8**



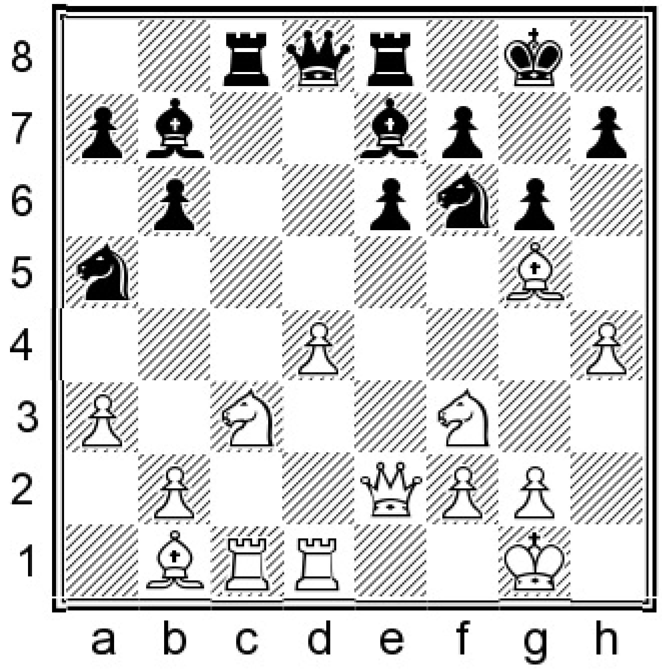
**14.h4!?** This seems to be the new trend. White gets ready for a potential g6 defence from Black, but also supports the bishop on g5.

14.♖ac1 reminds of the classics, but allows Black to equalize after 14...♖c8 15.♗b1 h6 16.♗h4 ♘d5 17.♗g3 ♘xc3 18.♖xc3 ♗f6=

**14...g6?** Black plays right into White's idea.

14...h6 15.♗xf6 (15.♗f4 ♖c8 16.♖ac1 ♗d6=) 15...♗xf6 16.♕e4 g6 17.h5 ♘a5 18.♕e3 g5 19.♘e5 ♖c8 20.♗c2∞

**15.♖ac1! ♖c8 16.♗b1 ♘a5**



**17.♘e5?**

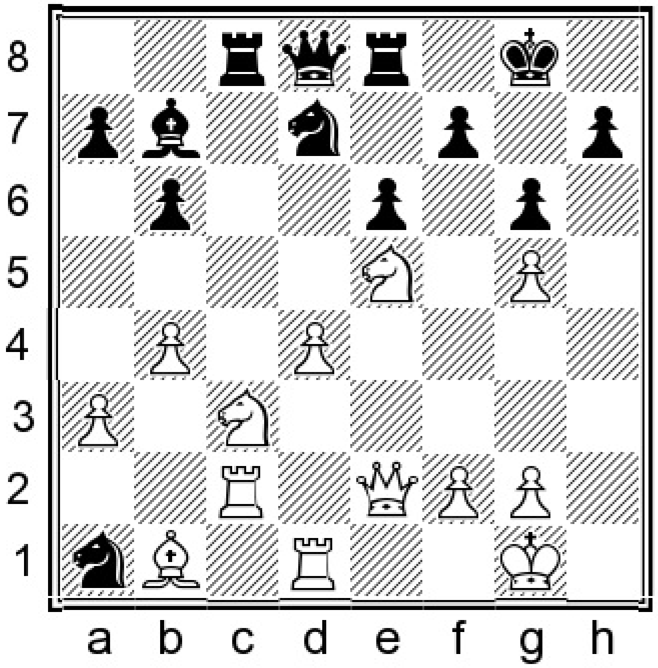
17.♗a2! ♘d5 18.♘e4 ♖xc1 19.♖xc1 ♘c6 20.♖e1±

**17...♘d7?**

17...♘b3! 18.♖c2 ♘xd4 19.♕f1 ♕c7 20.♘xg6 hxg6 21.♖xd4 ♕e5∞

**18.b4 ♗xg5 19.hxg5 ♘b3 20.♖c2 ♘a1??**

20...♘xe5 21.♕xe5 ♘a1 22.♖cd2 ♖xc3 23.d5 ♕c7 24.d6 ♕c6 25.f3 ♘b3 26.♗e4 ♕c4 27.♕f6 ♘xd2 28.d7 ♖b8 29.d8=♕+ ♖xd8 30.♕xd8+ ♔g7 31.♖xd2 ♖c1+ 32.♔f2 (32.♔h2? ♕c7+ 33.♕xc7 ♖xc7∓) 32...♗d5 33.♕f6+ ♔g8=



**21.♘xd7! ♕xd7 22.♘e4 ♗xe4 23.♖xc8 ♖xc8 24.♗xe4 ♘b3 25.♕e3+-** - and the Nb3 is trapped and after which it was just a matter of technique for Magnus to convert the game.

We rarely see a miniature at such a high level, but it was a rapid game, that hasn't given the strong Polish Grandmaster sufficient time to find a way to keep his king safe againt the World Champion.

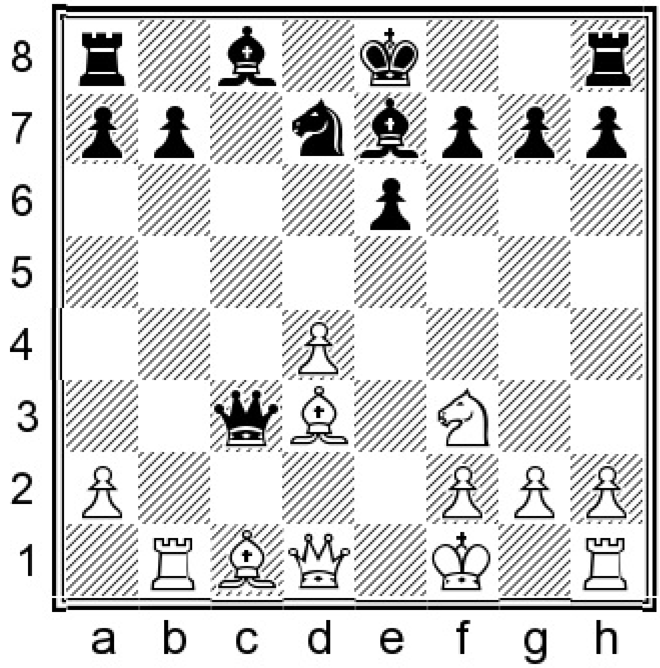
**D42**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2855) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2756)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m/1-rapid) 150/154, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘f3 c5 6.e3 cxd4 7.exd4 ♘xc3 8.bxc3 ♕c7 9.♖b1!? ♘d7 10.♗d3N** This move was a novelty at the time giving up a pawn to gain the initiative.

10.c4 had been tried before. 10...b6 11.♗d3 ♗b7 12.O-O ♗d6 13.♖b5 h6 14.♖e1 O-O (14...a6?! 15.♖h5 O-O-O (15...♘f6? 16.♖h4 ♔f8 17.♘e5 ♖d8 18.♕e2 ♔g8 19.♖f4 ♗b4 20.♖d1 ♗e7 21.♗b2 g5 22.♖g4 ♘xg4 23.♘xg4 h5 24.♘e5 ♖h6 25.♖e1 ♗b4 26.♕e3 ♕e7 27.♖e2± Salem,A.R Saleh 2682 - Barp, Alberto 2374, chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2020 - 150/(154)) 16.♗b2 ♗b4 17.♖e2±) 15.♖h5 ♗f4 16.♗xf4 ♕xf4 17.♘e5 ♘xe5 18.♖hxe5 ♖ac8=

**10...♕xc3+** A bold choice by Black, not fearing White's potential pressure in the centre and on the kingside.

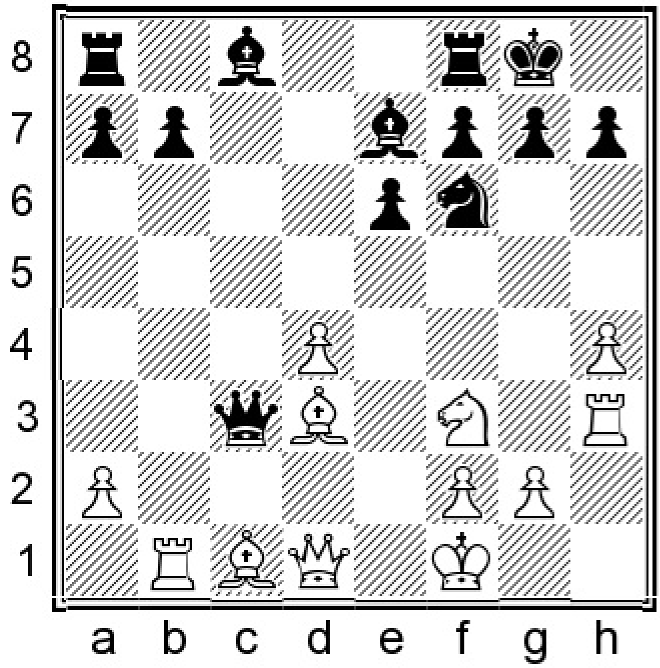
**11.♔f1 ♗e7**



**12.h4!** Again, we see Magnus implementing this interesting attacking idea.

**12...O-O 13.♖h3! ♘f6??** Though a natural decision, it allows White to gain advantage after the text move.

13...♕c7 14.♕e2 (14.♖g3?! ♗d6) 14...♘f6 15.♘e5 ♖d8 16.g4→



**14.♘e5! ♕a5**

14...♕c7 15.♖g3 ♘e8 16.♗f4 ♕d8 17.♗c2 f6 18.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 19.♕h5+ ♔g8 20.♘g4+-

**15.♖g3 ♔h8**

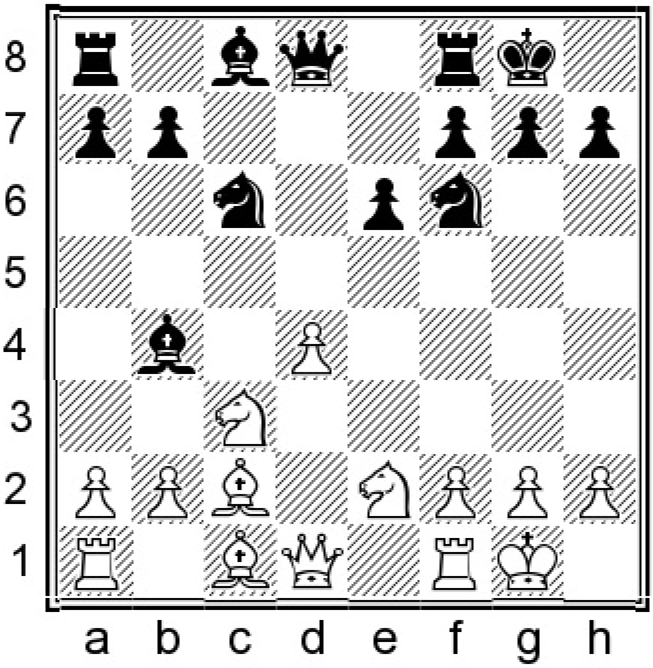
15...♘e8 could have been the last attempt to keep the king safe for a few more moves, but after 16.♗h6+- followed by Bb5 to get rid of the g7-defender, Black is probably wondering how did he remain so much behind in development.

**16.♗g5 h6 17.♗xh6 gxh6 18.♕f3 1-0**

Finally, I liked So's approach to the IQP in this game, having switched from the IQP to hanging pawns and back to the IQP.

**E41**
**So, Wesley (2770) - Rapport, Richard (2763)**
**Paris (rapid), 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 c5 5.♗d3 ♘c6 6.♘e2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.O-O ♘f6 10.♗c2 O-O**



**11.a3!?** A move that is often perceived as a waste of time as typically Black is okay to give up the bishop for the c3-knight. However, when forced to make a decision, the retreat approch is mostly being considered. In this game Rapport chose to give away his bishop pair and allow White to get rid of his IQP. The entire idea was in support of the e5-pawn break in the centre to reinstate the IQP and open up the c8-bishop that we have mostly seen struggling in the previous examples.

**11...♗xc3**

11...♗e7?! Now returning to the type of positions we have seen so far is not ideal because White has played a3 with a tempo, controlling b4, and is ready for the battery on the b1-h7 diagonal without having to waste any more time. 12.♕d3 g6 13.♗f4±;

⌓11...♗a5 12.♗e3 h6

**12.bxc3 e5!?** Under normal circumstances, we haven't seen this approach before, as White's knight was placed on f3 and quite fast taking advantage of the e5-outpost.

12...b6 13.♕d3 h6 14.♕g3 ♔h8 15.♖e1±

**13.♗g5! exd4?!** In my opinion, Black chose to simplify a little too soon allowing White to trade his passive knight on e2 before transitioning back to an IQP position.

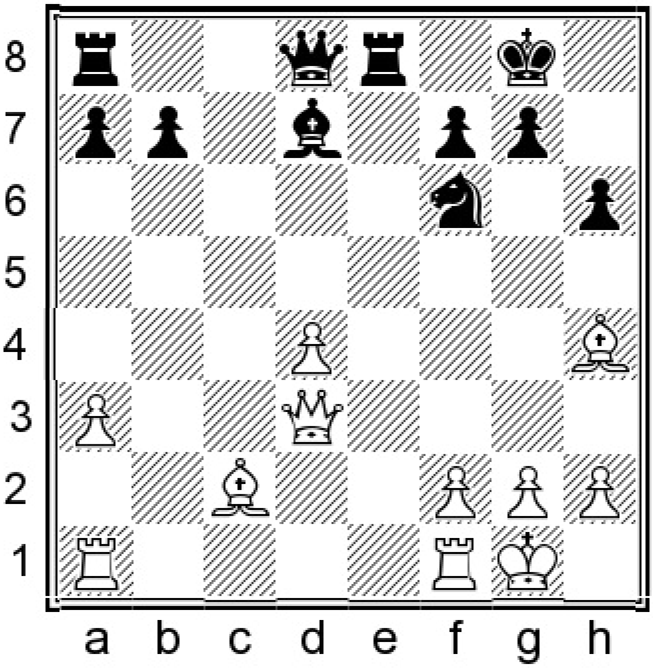
13...h6 14.♗h4 ♗e6 15.dxe5 ♘xe5 16.♘d4± White retains some advantage thanks to his bishop pair, but compared to the game, Black seems to be able to get a good development.

**14.♘xd4 ♘xd4 15.cxd4** This position is different from what we have focused on so far. Even though two minor pieces have been traded off (and that should be in Black's favour), White seems to have remained with the right minor pieces, as it isn't easy for Black to get rid of the pin on the h4-d8 diagonal. Additionally, White's IQP is now a passed pawn as well.

**15...h6** Attempting to get rid of the pin, which is of course denied by White.

15...♕d6 would have been another way, but after 16.♕d3 g6 17.♕f3 ♘d5 18.♗h6 ♖d8 19.♖ae1 ♗e6 20.♖e5± Black's position is quite uncomfortable.

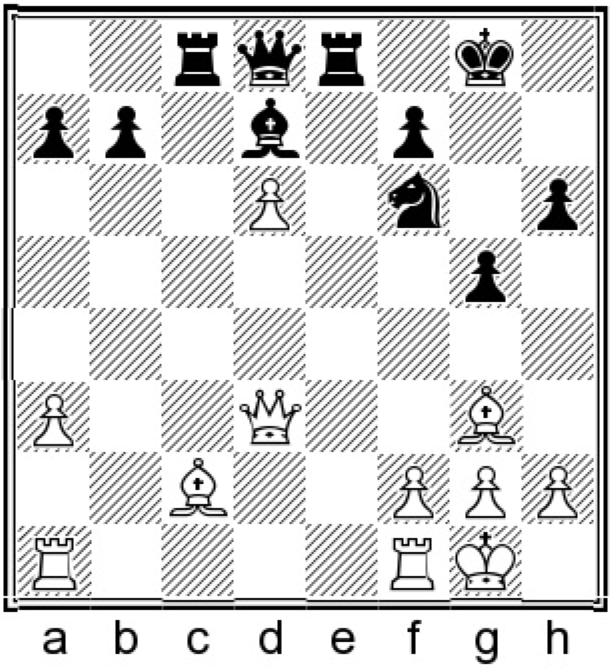
**16.♗h4 ♖e8 17.♕d3 ♗d7**



**18.d5?!** I think this was pushed a little too soon, as a little regrouping was necessary for White to maintain advantage.

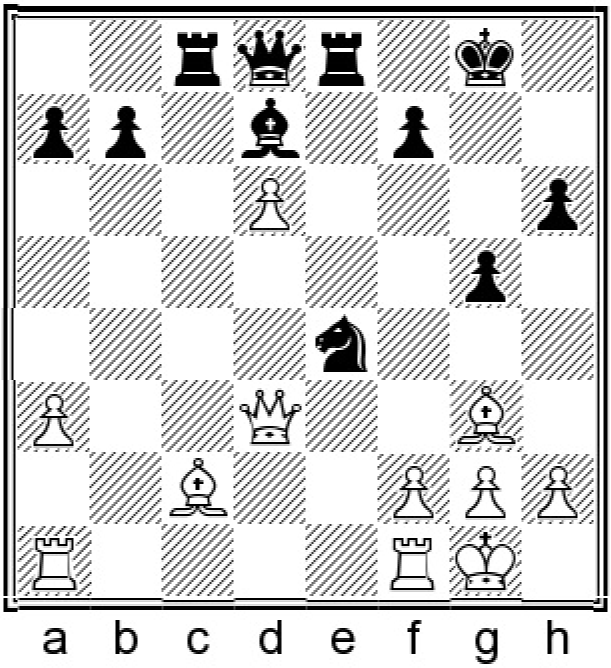
18.♖ab1 b5 19.♖fe1 ♖xe1+ 20.♖xe1 making it very difficult for Black to keep his king safe. 20...♔f8 21.♖e5±

**18...♖c8 19.d6 g5 20.♗g3**



**20...♘e4??** Black has freed himself of the pin and thought trading the knight for the bishop to be the right continuation.

20...♕a5 gives Black the opportunity to trade or chase away White's most powerful piece after 21.♖ac1 ♕d5∞ followed by Rc5, and White's menacing attacks on the kingside or the passed d-pawn seem stories of yesterday.



But, **21.♖ae1! ♖c3 22.♕d1 ♘xg3 23.hxg3 ♖xe1 24.♖xe1 ♗e6 25.♕d2 ♖xa3** Despite being able to activate his rook and win a pawn, now that we can see the power of the d-passed pawn in conjunction with an attack along the b1-h7 diagonal.

**26.♖d1 ♗d7 27.♕b4 ♖a2 28.♕b3 ♖a5 29.♕xb7 ♔g7 30.♖e1 ♖c5 31.♕e4 ♕f6 32.♕h7+ ♔f8 33.♖e7**

**♗e8 34.♗g6 1-0**

# ROGERS' REMINISCENCES
## The Past is a Foreign Country

By GM Ian Rogers

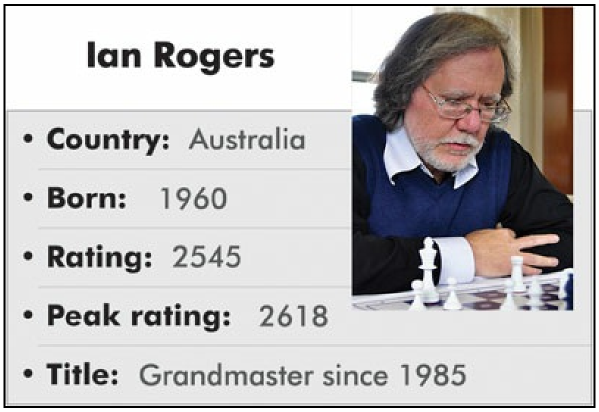
# EYES ON THE BRILLIANCY PRIZE

## Manila Olympiad 1992

The entire breakfast room at the Manila Hilton seemed to fall silent.

"OK, OK," said a panicky Russian Grandmaster Eduard Gufeld, as he quickly retreated with his arms outstretched and dozens of pairs of eyes on him. He never troubled me again.

Leaving breakfast, I was approached by a member of the Irish Olympic team, who smiled and said "That was more entertaining than Neighbours!"



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## Pawn Power

The Manila Chess Olympiad in 1992, the first to be held in Pacific Asia, was a project steered by Filipino FIDE President Florencio Campomanes.

The spacious Manila Convention Centre was the host for 164 Open and Women's teams from 100 countries, with the Filipino enthusiasm for chess being shown by the large number of volunteers, spectators and autograph hunters at the venue. (The only disconcerting moment for players came in the foyer after the entrance to the venue, where a small desk was signposted "Leave your firearms here".)

The Manila hotels were equally luxurious; the Filipino government was clearly spending lavishly to make the Olympiad a success.

The Olympiad came at a precipitous time, shortly before President Corazon Aquino handed over to Fidel Ramos, the first peaceful transfer of power in the Philippines in more than two decades. (Aquino had displaced dictator Ferdinand Marcos thanks to mass demonstrations after a stolen election.)

Aquino opened the Olympiad with a speech which included: "We all know that the queen is the most powerful piece on the board. And so it is, in many ways, yet, we do well not to underestimate the pawn. We won in 1986 not because of Queen Power but because of Pawn Power - what the world knows today as People Power. And truly it has been Pawn Power more than anything else that makes the transformation from a dictatorship to a democracy complete."

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*President Corazon Aquino versus Garry Kasparov, Manila Olympiad 1992*

## The Lowell Liwat Brilliancy Prize

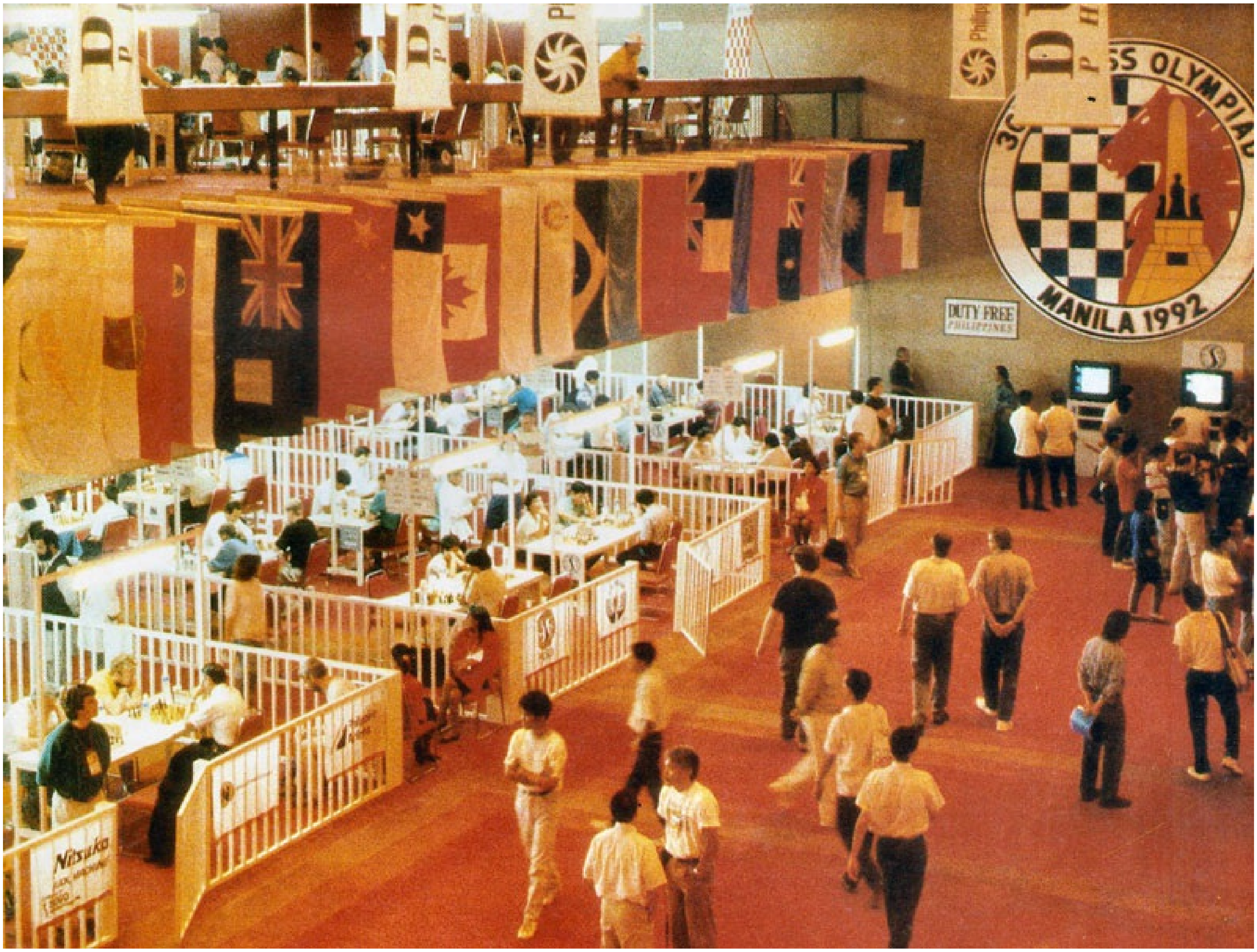
Upon visiting the venue the day before the Olympiad began, I was accosted by Eduard Gufeld, who told me that he was head of a Mona Lisa Commission to judge the Olympiad brilliancy prize and he would like me, as a representative of the "fifth continent", to join. I declined, but as Cathy and I left he added the words "Think about it."

The brilliancy prize in Manila was a big deal, with a sponsor, Lowell Liwat, offering a total of 100,000 pesos (about US$ 4.000) for the top three games. The top 10 games would also receive a 20 kilogram marble chess board.

Liwat was an IT worker (and the King's Gambit fanatic) who had decided to take a year off in 1992 and become a chess entrepreneur. In negotiating with Campomanes to set up an exhibition stall at the convention Centre, he also agreed to sponsor the Olympiad Brilliancy Prize. Liwat, still a chess fan today, was thrilled to be able to meet some of the big names on the judging committee.

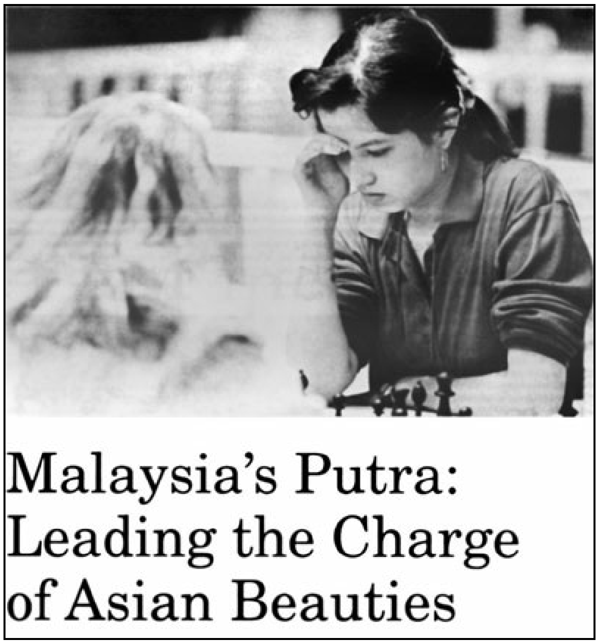
Indeed Gufeld did manage to attract some very big names for the committee: the Open and Women's World Champions of the time, Garry Kasparov and Xie Jun, plus, as he told me almost every day, he wanted to have a Grandmaster from every continent: "I have Timman, I have Seirawan, I have Anand, I have Sunye. You are the only Australian Grandmaster, you cannot refuse!"

Gufeld's all-GM plan was flawed from the start. At that time Africa did not yet have a GM, while Raymond Keene, also known as The Penguin, was unavailable to represent Antarctica. My refusal was based on past experience; I simply did not want to have anything to do with any project which involved Gufeld.



## The Good Old Days?!

*Geraldine Johns-Putra*



Malaysia's Putra:
Leading the Charge
of Asian Beauties

Olympiads up until Yerevan 1996 were rather different from the modern version. Apart from being longer - 14 rounds - and decided by game points not match points, the playing hall was far larger, with a design which enabled spectators to get close to almost every game. The Olympiad players were placed in 5 star hotels - not so usual in those days - though those who had the luck to be housed in the Manila Hilton found their credit cards misused for some strange purchases, including nightclubs on the island of Mindanao.

The Manila Olympiad had one other unique feature: a bulletin editor who seemed to regard the female players as worth judging on appearance and clothes first, chess ability a poor second.

Take the following round three report: "The biggest crowd-drawer in the women's playing hall was the match pitting the United States against Kazakhstan, and one glance at the American players told it all. All three are great beauties, most especially Levitan who came in a dainty white but very revealing mini."

Or in a profile of Malaysian player Geraldine Johns-Putra: "The Filipino male is, historically, no poor judge of female beauty. (Johns-Putra has) a figure that is either "whistle-bait" or tailor made for a beauty contest. Whether in dungarees or in shorts and simple shirt, she can have a home anytime in the heart of the Filipino male."

Try to imagine such references in, say, the 2014 Tromso Olympiad reports and you can be sure that the writer would be fired after the first such report. The past is indeed a foreign country.

## Russia Dominates

The Olympiad progressed as many had done before, with a team mostly from Moscow dominating, even though in 1992 the Soviet Union (and Jugoslavija) had split into multiple teams. However Russia, led by Kasparov and with 16-year-old Kramnik scoring 8 1/2/9, was awesome, winning the event with a round to spare. (Kramnik's later revelation that the Russian team's drinking sessions - with Kasparov absent, of course - had involved ordering five bottles of gin and 50 bottles of tonic each night, make his result even more remarkable.)

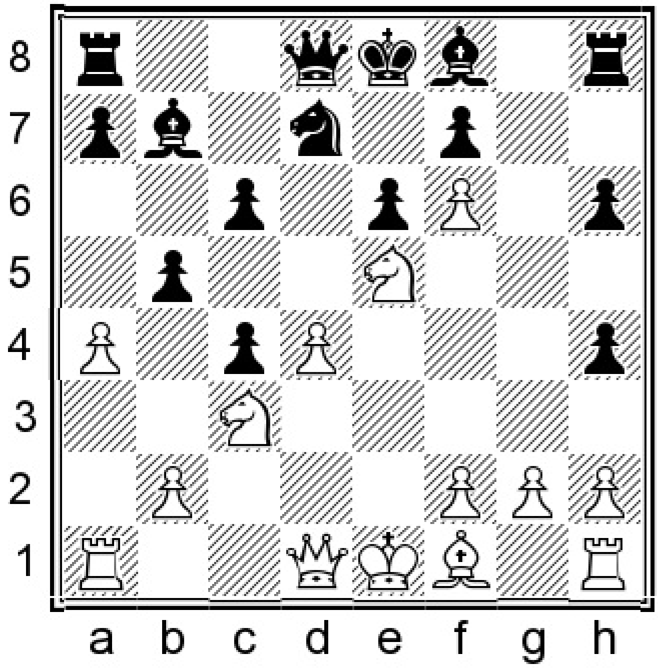
The following game won one of the marble chessboards for Kramnik.

**D44**
**Van Wely, Loek (2560) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2590)**
**Manila (ol) 55/422, 1992**

**1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 c6 3.c4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♗g5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.a4 ♗b7 8.e5 h6 9.♗h4 g5 10.exf6!?**

10.♘xg5 hxg5 11.♗xg5 ♘bd7 was then and is now the main line.

**10...gxh4 11.♘e5 ♘d7**

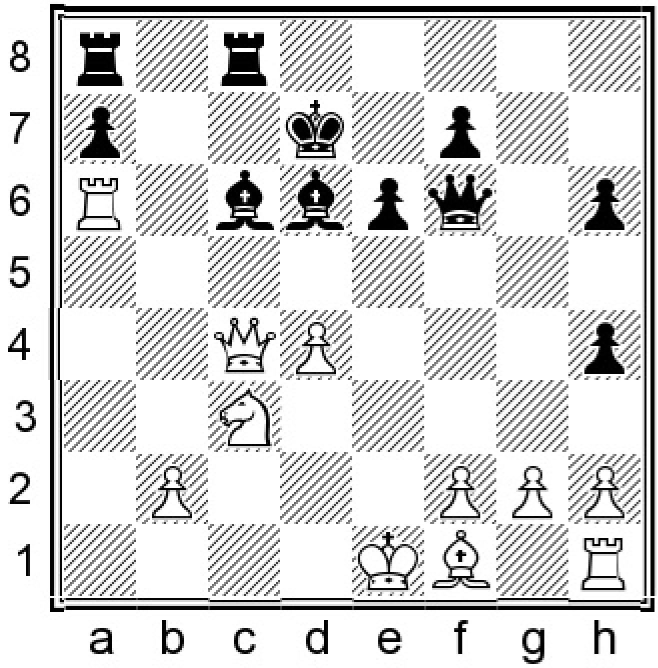


**12.♕h5!?** A new move - and never repeated!

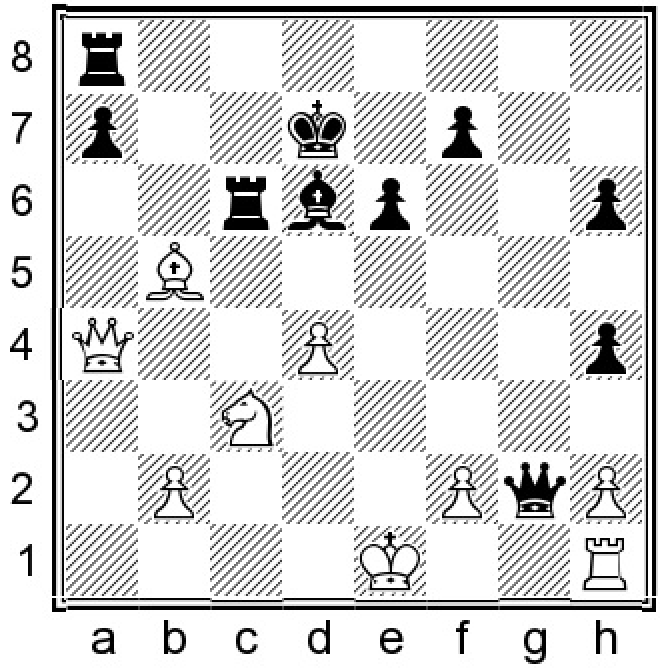
**12...♕xf6! 13.♘xd7 ♔xd7 14.axb5 cxb5 15.♕xb5+ ♗c6 16.♕xc4 ♗d6 17.♖a6?!** A wonderful idea, but...

17.♘b5∞ was objectively the best way to continue, with chances for both sides.

**17...♖hc8**



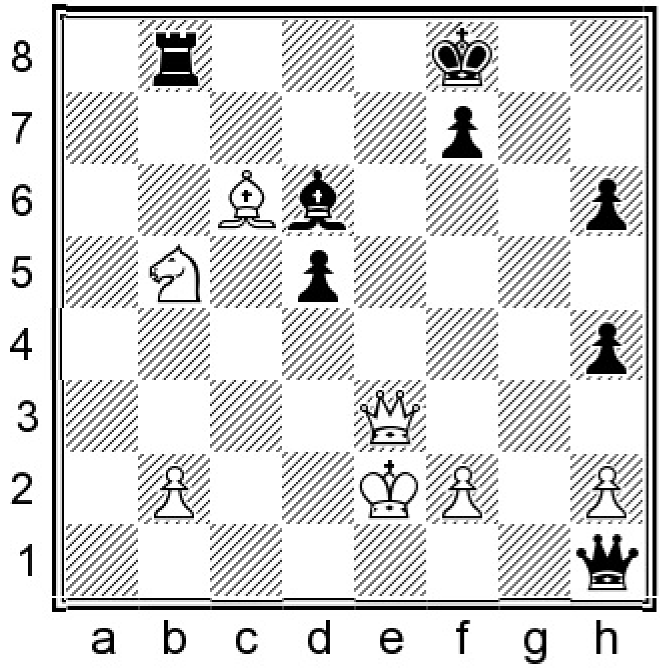
**18.♖xc6!! ♖xc6 19.♕a4! ♕g5! 20.♗b5 ♕xg2!**



**21.d5!?** A second rook sacrifice which, if it had succeeded, would probably have earned a brilliancy prize for Loek van Wely rather than Kramnik!

21.♖f1 a6 is hopeless.

**21...♕xh1+ 22.♔e2 ♔d8! 23.♗xc6 ♖b8 24.♘b5! exd5! 25.♕a5+ ♔e7 26.♕xa7+ ♔f8 27.♕e3**



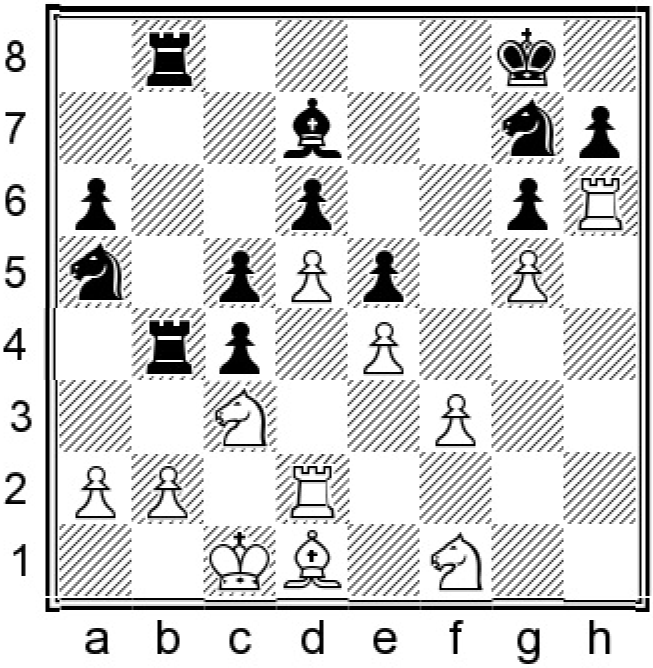
**27...♔g8!** Safety at last!

**28.h3** Equivalent to resignation.

28.♕xh6 ♕e4+ 29.♔f1 ♕c4+ 30.♔g1 ♕g4+ 31.♔f1 ♗f4! finds White's queen trapped on an open board.

**28...♗f8 29.♕f4 ♕e4+ 30.♕xe4 dxe4 31.♔e3 ♖b6 32.♗d7 ♖f6 33.b3 ♗c5+ 34.♔xe4 ♖xf2 35.♔d5 ♗b4 36.♘d4 ♔g7 37.♔c4 ♖f4 38.♔d5 ♔f6 39.♗c8 ♖f1 40.♗g4 ♗c3 41.♘f3 ♔g6 42.♘xh4+ ♔g5 43.♘f3+ ♔f4 44.♘h4 ♖f2 45.♗c8 ♔g5 0-1**

**Kasparov, Garry (2780) - Loginov, Valery A (2540)**
**Manila (ol) 55/601, 1992**

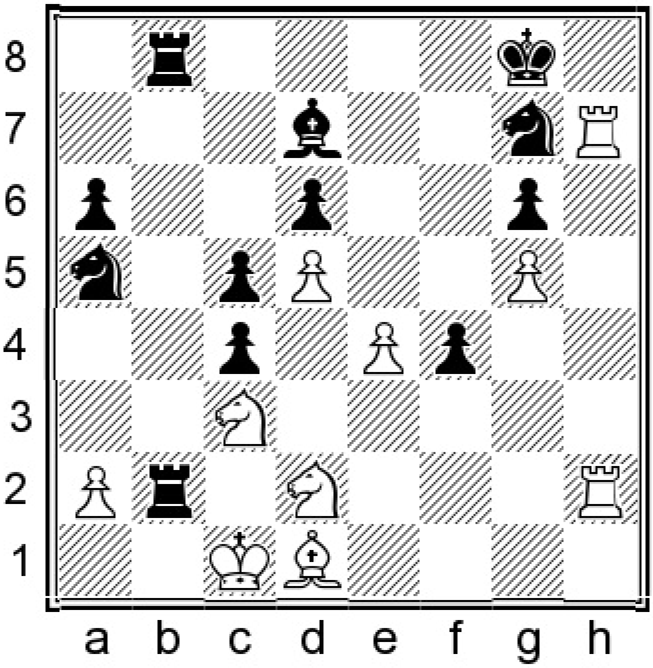


Kasparov's score of 8½/10 was also not so shabby and he could even afford to skip the last round to guarantee his gold medal on board one.

**24.f4!!**

24.♘g3 would also win the h7 pawn, but after 24...♘b7! 25.♖dh2 ♘d8 26.♖xh7 ♘f7, Black can hang on.

**24...exf4 25.♖dh2 ♖e8 26.♘d2 ♖eb8 27.♖xh7 ♖xb2**



**28.♖2h4!**→ The key idea - suddenly White has a winning attack.

**28...♖2b7 29.♖h8+ ♔f7 30.♖xf4+ ♔e7 31.♖h7 ♖g8 32.♖f6 ♗e8 33.e5! ♖b6 34.♘de4! ♘b7 35.exd6+ ♘xd6 36.♖e6+! 1-0**

## Off the Hook

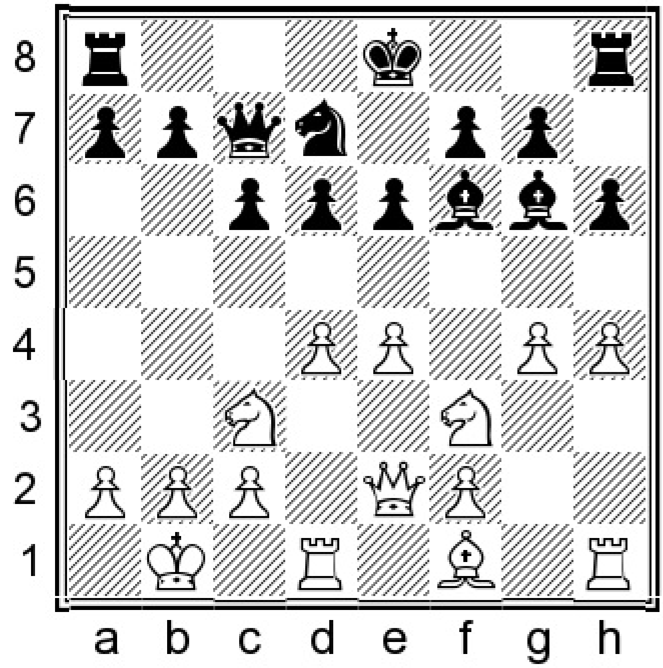
On the day of the Bermuda Party - the traditional disco and bar hosted by Bermuda and offered the night before the Olympiad's middle rest day - I played the following game.

**B07**
**Rogers, Ian (2550) - Milos, Gilberto (2515)**
**Manila (ol) 55/124, 1992**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d6 3.♘c3 ♗g4 4.e4 e6 5.h3 ♗h5 6.♕e2!?** This is supposed to be White's sharpest way to play for an advantage, but I don't really trust a plan which involves giving up the bishop pair for a vague space advantage.

6.♗e2 as used by Johansen to draw with Speelman a few rounds later, is less committal.

**6...c6 7.g4 ♗g6 8.♗g5 ♗e7 9.♗xf6 ♗xf6 10.h4 h6 11.O-O-O ♘d7 12.♔b1 ♕c7**



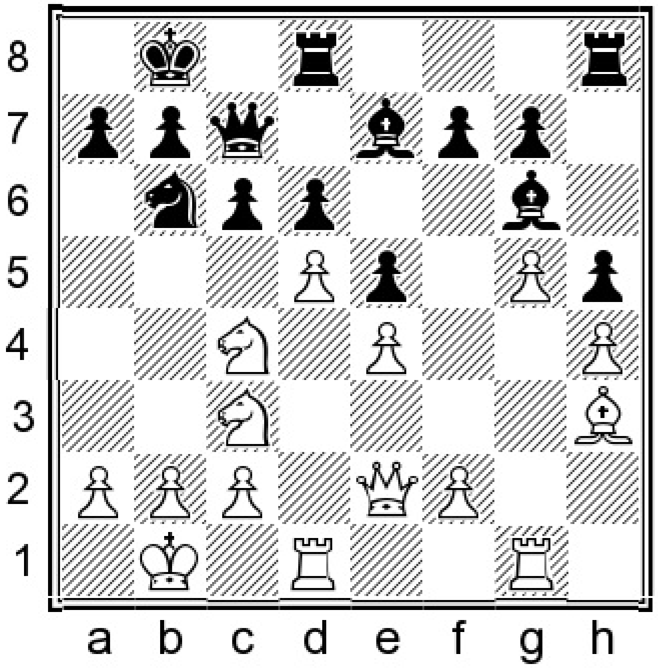
**13.♖g1!?** As I discovered after the game, this is the first new move. Since play in the centre is not currently feasible, White intends 14.h5 followed by 15.g5. However, 13.Qe3, as played by Cvitan against Speelman at the 1990 Novi Sad Olympiad, has the same idea and may be slightly more accurate. **13...h5!?**

On 13...O-O-O 14.h5 ♗h7 15.g5 is strong. However now Black's bishop's are shut out of play. 15...hxg5 16.♘xg5 ♗g8 looks ugly, but is probably not so bad. Now Black's bishops are pushed out of play, but this is unlikely to be a permanent state of affairs.

**14.g5 ♗e7 15.d5! e5**

A number of commentators have suggested 15...cxd5 16.exd5 e5 as an improvement in order to bring the bishop on g6 to life. Unfortunately 17.♗h3 poses some tactical problems for Black. Then 17...O-O-O? is impossible due to 18.♘xe5! dxe5 19.d6 ♗xd6 20.♘b5, winning. Black should probably try 17...0-0, although after 18.Nd2, perhaps followed by f4, White's attacking chances remain good.

**16.♗h3 O-O-O 17.♘d2 ♔b8 18.♘c4 ♘b6**



**19.♘xb6?** A quite inexplicable exchange. In order to keep Black cramped White must keep as many pieces on the board as possible.

After 19.♘e3! Black can be prevented from gaining any activity, at least in the near future.

**19...♛xb6 20.♖d3** The rather weak justification for White's last move, but the threat of 21.dc6 bc6 22.Nd5 is easily avoided.

**20...♚a8 21.a3?!** White is beginning to lose the thread of the game. He should be thinking about manoeuvring his knight to e3.

21.♗f5

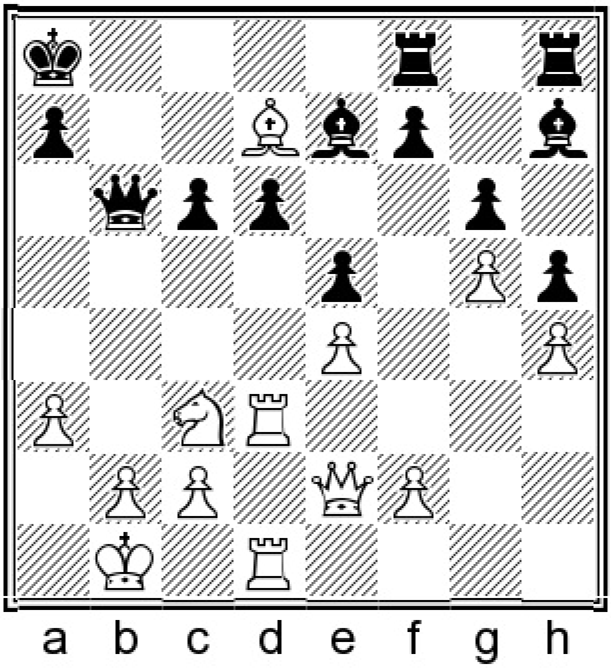
**21...♖df8 22.♗f5 ♝h7 23.♖gd1 g6** I have to agree with Kasparov that the self-immolation of the bishop on h7 looks awful, but Black is rightly confident that he will eventually be able to break out with ...f6. Should Black succeed in opening the kingside, all White's pawns on that flank could turn out to be weak.

Nonetheless, in view of what follows, it would have been better to first close the queenside with 23...c5 and then proceed with kingside play.

**24.dxc6! bxc6**

24...gxf5 allows a rapid mating attack with 25.♘d5 ♛d8 26.♖b3!

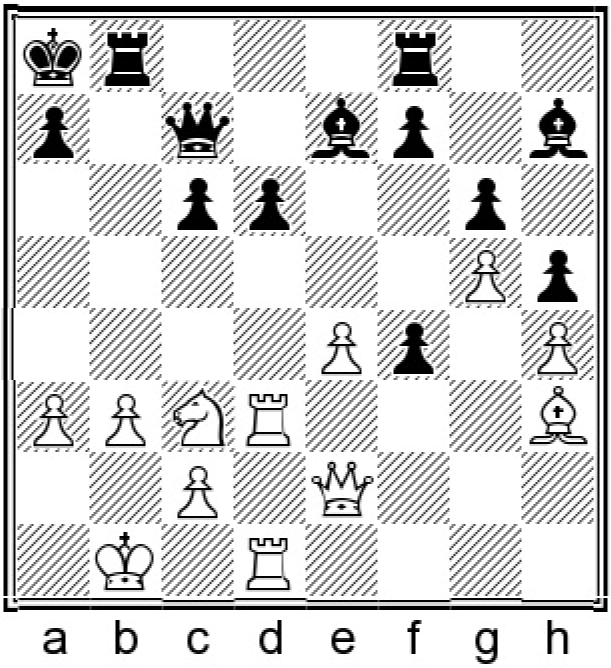
**25.♗d7!**



**25...♕c7?!** Black was expecting 26.Bh3 f6 but when I did not immediately retreat my bishop I could sense that Milos was becoming nervous, noticing too late the sacrifice which follows.

With hindsight 25...♖b8 26.b3 ♕c7 (avoiding 27.Rd6!) was necessary. Originally I believed that 27.♗h3 would keep a large edge for White because 27...f6 is not playable, but I later realised that 27...♖hf8 renews the threat and obliges White to take action quickly.

*Ian Rogers in 2021* Here my original 1990 annotations show a surprising degree of pessimism. I describe 28.f4! as "the only try" whereas in fact it is close to winning, e.g. 28...♕a5!? was my original suggestion but after (28...exf4



29.e5! d5 (29...♖fd8!? allows 30.exd6 ♖xd6 31.♖xd6 ♗xd6 32.♗g2! with 33.Nb5 in the air.) 30.♘xd5!

cxd5 31.♖xd5→, with a winning attack.

Back then, in 1992, I made a quite extraordinary statement: "It is hard not to feel that it is just a desperate swindle attempt in a position in which White's pieces point at nothing and his pawn structure is rather loose... It is easy to laugh at the bishop on g8, but not so easy to keep it from coming alive."

As should have been obvious even before the days of computers, White has a strong position and more than one way to proceed. I suppose this only goes to show that it is possible to completely misjudge a position and still play good moves if you calculate well!) 29.fxe5 ♕xe5 (29...dxe5 30.♖f3!) 30.♗d7 ♕c5 31.e5! d5 32.♘xd5! cxd5 33.♖xd5 leads to similar positions.

**26.♗xc6+!!** Once seen, this sacrifice of a bishop for the d5-square is not too difficult to calculate, but it was a thrill to discover that the text move leads to such a beautiful forced win.

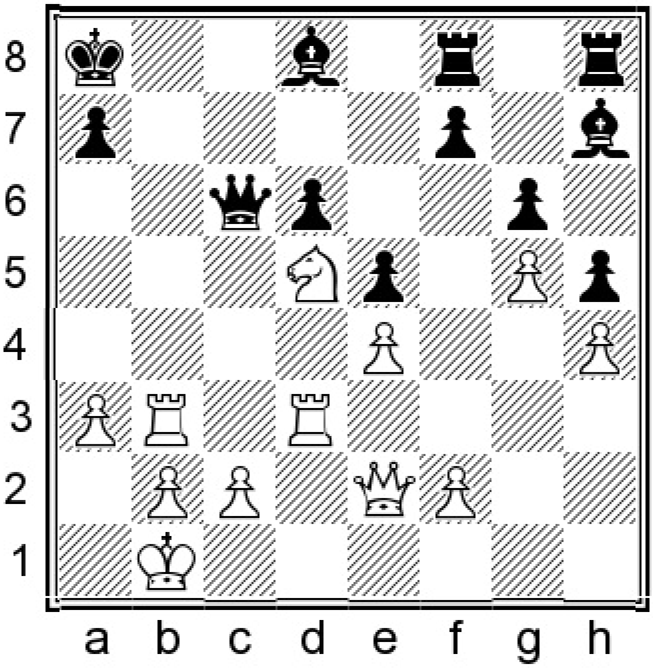
**26...♕xc6 27.♘d5 ♗d8**

27...♕d7 loses more prosaically to 28.♖c3 ♖c8 29.♕a6

**28.♖c3 ♕b7 29.♖b3 ♕c6**

On 29...♗b6 30.a4! followed by 31.a5 is decisive and 29...♕c8 30.♖dd3 ♗a5 31.♖b5 is no better.

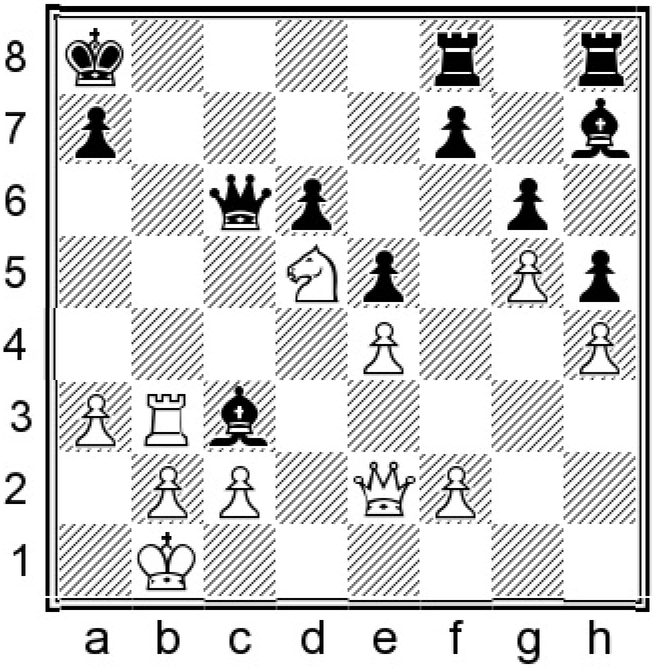
**30.♖dd3**



**30...♗a5**

Here Milos, seeing the coming rook and queen sacrifice, and also seeing 30...♕c4 31.♖dc3!, contemplated resigning, but decided that the final moves of the combination deserved to be played over the board.

**31.♖dc3! ♗xc3**



**32.♕a6!!**

32.♕a6, and 32...♖c8 (32...♕xa6 allows 33.♘c7#) 33.♘b6+ ♕xb6 (33...♔b8 34.♘xc8+) 34.♖xb6 ♖b8 35.♖xb8+ ♖xb8 36.♕c6+ is hopeless for Black. "I think you owe me $500," joked Milos after he heard the size of my brilliancy prize.

**1-0**

I submitted my win to Gufeld that afternoon and reasoned that now it was totally inappropriate for me to be judging my own game. Not so.

In fact Gufeld continued hassling me, asking me to change my mind and join his committee, always listing Anand, Seirawan and Sunye and telling me I could not refuse. Cathy tried to intervene and her heartfelt "Leave Ian alone!" plea led to Gufeld approaching the Australian captain Peter Parr at the Bermuda Party to tell him: "Cathy Rogers - she is crazy woman!"

When Gufeld approached me at breakfast on the morning of the tenth round, it was the last straw. His visit started by Cathy smiling sweetly to Gufeld and saying, "Hello Eddie. I believe you think I am a crazy woman?"

Gufeld ignored Cathy and turned to me: "You must be on my committee!" he bellowed, as scores of Olympiad players turned to see what was happening. "I must have a Grandmaster from every continent! You are the only Grandmaster from Australia! You cannot say no!"

I had had enough. "Look Eddie," I replied. "If you wanted to have sex with a Grandmaster from every continent, would I not be permitted to say no?"

A scared look appeared in Gufeld's eyes and he moved back from our table muttering: "OK, OK". Gufeld seemed to be in shock and never asked again.

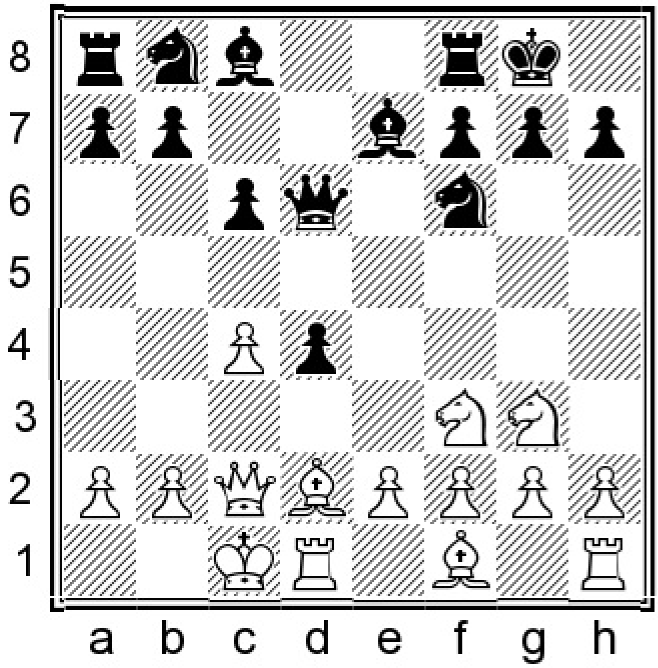
In his desperation to find an Australian for the judging panel he resorted to asking Parr, who accepted. (His choice for an African representative was Emmanuel Omuku who had become a FIDE official after representing Nigeria at five Olympiads.)

## Vote 1 Kasparov

Two rounds later, Kasparov wrapped up the individual gold medal on board one with the following fine game, against the number one from Bosnia - competing as an independent country for the first time - Predrag Nikolic.

**D10**
**Kasparov, Garry (2780) - Nikolic, Predrag (2635)**
**Manila (ol) 55/372, 1992**

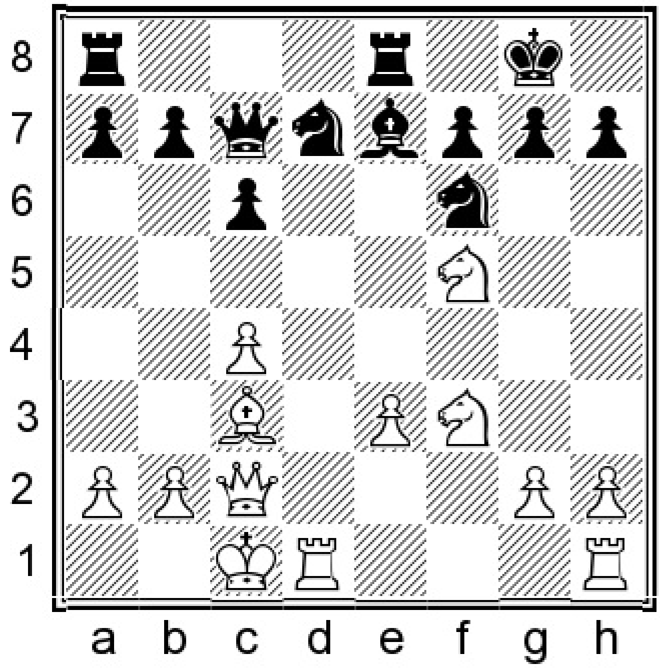
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 e5 4.dxe5 d4 5.♘e4 ♕a5+ 6.♗d2! ♕xe5 7.♘g3 ♕d6 8.♘f3 ♘f6 9.♕c2 ♗e7 10.O-O-O O-O**



**11.e3! dxe3 12.fxe3!!** This is a genuinely brilliant positional idea, intending to place the dark squared bishop on c3 and launch a kingside attack.

**12...♕c7 13.♗c3 ♗g4 14.♗d3 ♘bd7 15.♗f5!** Preparing both 16.Rd7! and a massive attack via 16.Bg4 Ng4 17.Bg7!!

**15...♗xf5 16.♘xf5 ♖fe8**



**17.♘xg7! ♔xg7 18.♕f5! ♘f8 19.h4!**

19.g4 ♔g8! 20.♗xf6 ♗xf6 21.♕xf6 ♕e7! offers Black reasonable drawing chances.

**19...h6 20.g4**

20.♕g4+! ♔h8 21.♘g5! was even more incisive.

**20...♕c8! 21.♕xc8?!** Agreeing to reduce his advantage to a slightly better endgame in order to regain the piece.

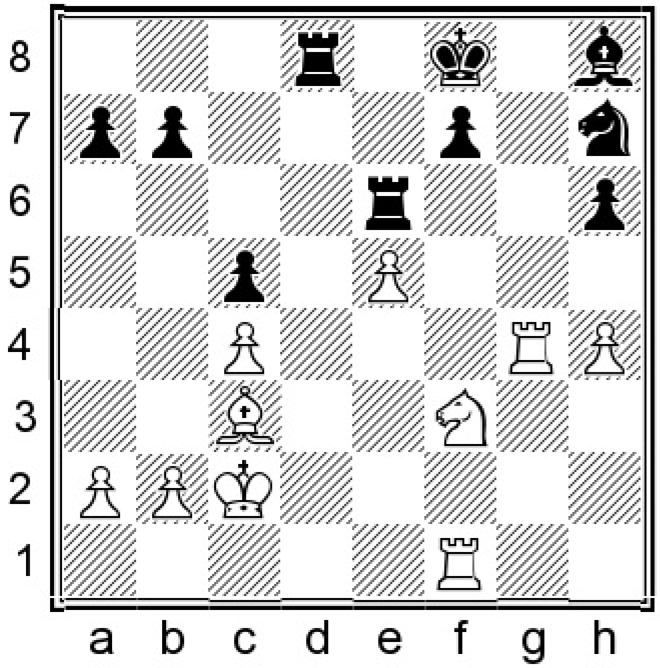
21.♖hg1! was the best way to keep the attack going since 21...♕xf5 22.gxf5+ ♔h8 walks into (22...♔h7 is also bad because of 23.♘g5+!→, again with a winning attack.) 23.♖d6! ♘h7 24.♘e5 ♖f8 25.♖d7! ♖ae8 26.♖xb7 when Black is completely paralysed.

**21...♖axc8 22.g5 ♘h7 23.e4 ♖cd8**

23...♔f8 offered greater resistance.

**24.♖df1 ♔f8 25.gxf6 ♗xf6 26.e5 ♗g7 27.♖hg1 c5 28.♔c2!** Black is so tied up that White can afford to take his time working out the best way forward.

**28...♖e6 29.♖g4 ♗h8**



**30.b4!?** A clever way to create a new open file.

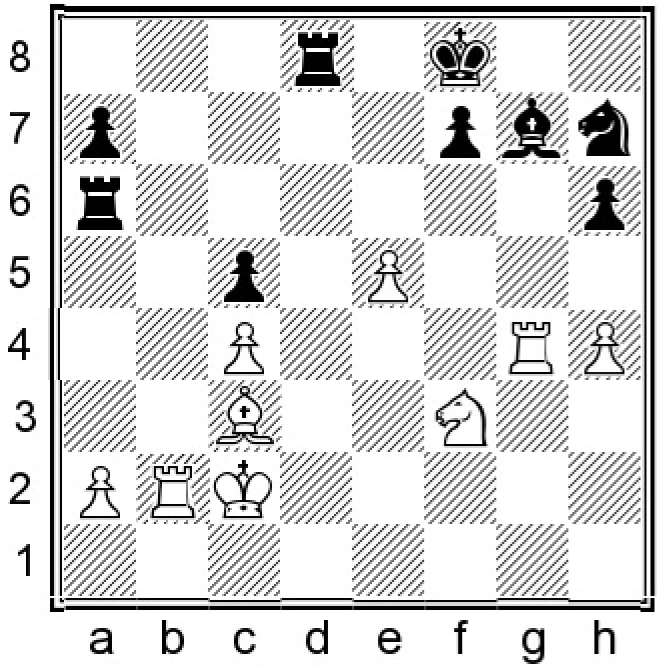
Though 30.♖fg1 ♔e7 31.♖g8, here or two moves later, was good enough to break down Black's defences.

**30...b6 31.bxc5 bxc5 32.♖b1 ♖a6 33.♖b2** Showing a peculiar reluctance to sacrifice a pawn.

Since 33.♖b7 ♖xa2+ 34.♗b2!, followed by 35.Rf4, was immediately decisive.

**33...♗g7?!**

33...♖e8



**34.♖b7!** Better late then never.

**34...♖xa2+ 35.♔b3 ♖a6 36.e6! ♖xe6 37.♖xg7 1-0**

The next day after a short draw against Israel's Lev Psakhis, Kasparov began lobbying on stage, not so much for his game but against mine. Yasser Seirawan, in his magazine "Inside Chess", explained what happened...

"Through three quarters of the Olympiad (Garry and I) never spoke! This was a bit of a feat, as the USA often played on stage with Russia and we saw a lot of each other.

Thus it came as a surprise to me when, late in the competition as I was on stage watching the US team, Garry strode up to me and said: "Yasser. I'm deeply disturbed by the game Rogers - Milos." No hello, no preamble whatsoever - I was so stunned that I didn't know what to say.

My lack of reaction didn't slow Garry down. He expounded: "You know this game is terrible! What is Black doing? Bishop on h7? Pawn on g6? Is this resistance? This game is a shame! How can this be brilliant?"

Ahhh! The magic word. Now I understood. Garry was hot and bothered about the Rogers - Milos game which was widely considered the most brilliant game of the tournament. At least I thought so, and it had topped my list.

But what was Garry going on about? "You know a game has to have something; it must be special. It should feature good resistance and must contain something original. Now look at my game versus Nikolic; that was a brilliant game!" That magic word again.

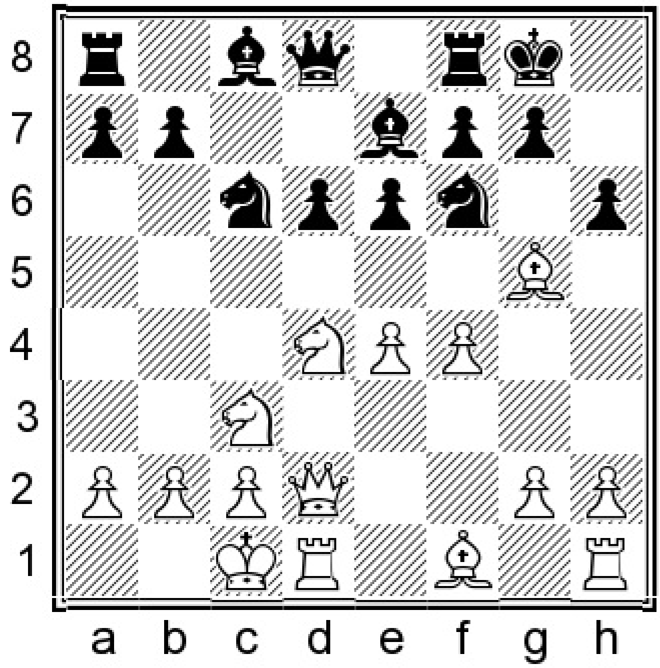
I told Garry I was certainly impressed by that game too (it was second on my list) and disentangled myself as best I could. At that point I was unaware that Kasparov was a fellow brilliancy judge and would soon be chairing our committee meeting!"

## Choosing the Winner

That evening Gufeld held a meeting to decide the brilliancy prize winners. Xie and Timman were not available to attend. Xie submitted a list of her three favourite brilliancies from the tournament, while Timman missed out entirely. (He later revealed that his top vote would have gone to Alex Shabalov for the American's attacking win against Ilia Smirin of Israel.)

**B64**
**Shabalov, Alexander (2535) - Smirin, Ilia (2545)**
**Manila (ol) 55/223, 1992**

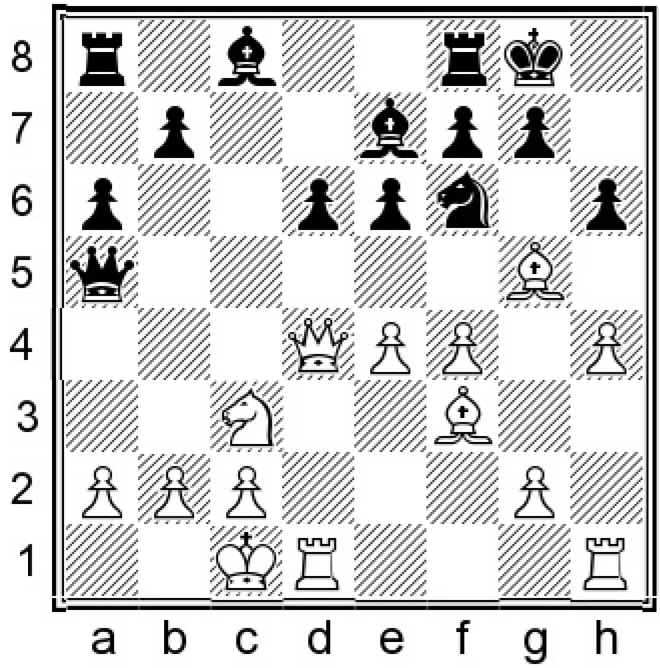
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 ♗e7 8.O-O-O O-O 9.f4 h6**



**10.h4!? ♘xd4 11.♕xd4 a6**

Three years later Kasparov defeated Anand after grabbing the piece with 11...hxg5 12.hxg5 ♘g4 13.♗e2 e5 14.♕g1 exf4 Anand,Viswanathan 2725 - Kasparov, Garry 2795, Paris (rapid) 1995. However in 1992 such a policy had led to many defeats for Black and was considered insanely dangerous.

**12.♗e2 ♕a5 13.♗f3**



**13...♖d8!** At the time this was considered to be Black's best defensive set-up, but Shabalov has a new attacking plan in mind.

**14.g4 ♗d7 15.♗xh6!! gxh6 16.g5 ♘e8 17.♖dg1 h5! 18.♗xh5 ♗f8?!** Only now does Black do wrong.

On 18...♘g7 Black was probably scared of 19.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 20.h5 but after 20...♕c5! 21.♕d1! (21.♕d2? ♘xh5! Black is doing more than surviving.)

**19.f5 ♕e5 20.♕d2 exf5 21.g6! fxg6**

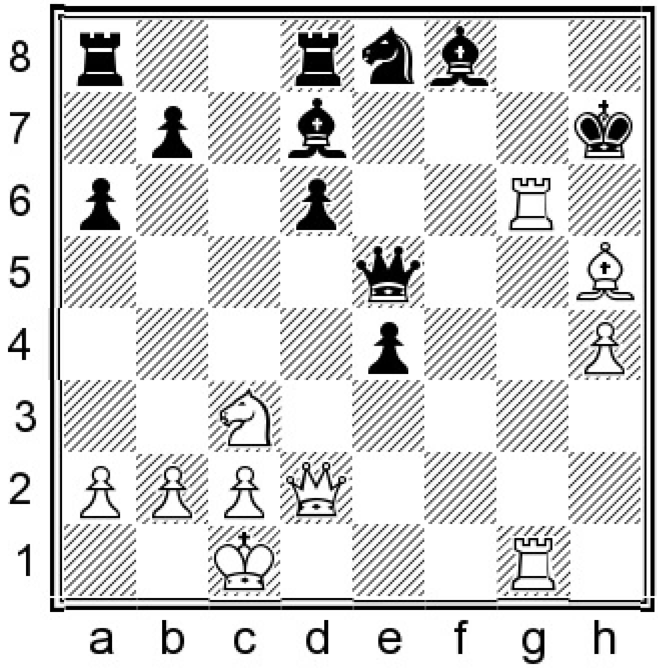
21...f6 loses to 22.g7!

**22.♖xg6+ ♔h7 23.♖hg1** Setting up a brilliant combination.

The computer prefers 23.♔b1! for reasons that will be seen in the next note.

**23...fxe4?**

After 23...♘f6! Shabalov was intending 24.♔b1 ♗e8 25.♕g5, which he believed was winning, but, incredibly, after 25...♗xg6! 26.♕xg6+ ♔h8 27.♘d5 ♘g4!, White has no checkmate and Black can hold.



**24.♖h6+!! ♗xh6 25.♗g6+!**

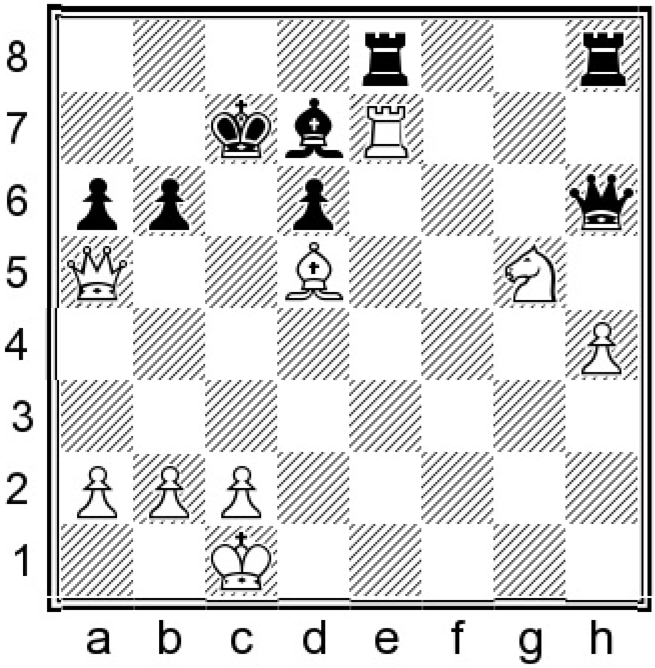
"An absolutely fantastic, allegorical attacking game," said Timman explaining his number one vote, "including a known long term bishop sacrifice, followed up by twists, ending in a "zwickmuhle" (a windmill theme)."

**25...♔g7 26.♗xe8+! ♔h7 27.♗g6+ ♔g7 28.♗xe4+ ♔f7 29.♕xh6** White has regained all his material and with a safer king should win.

**29...♖h8 30.♗d5+ ♔e7 31.♕d2 ♔d8 32.♖e1 ♕h5 33.♘e4!? ♕h6?!**

33...♔c7 was better.

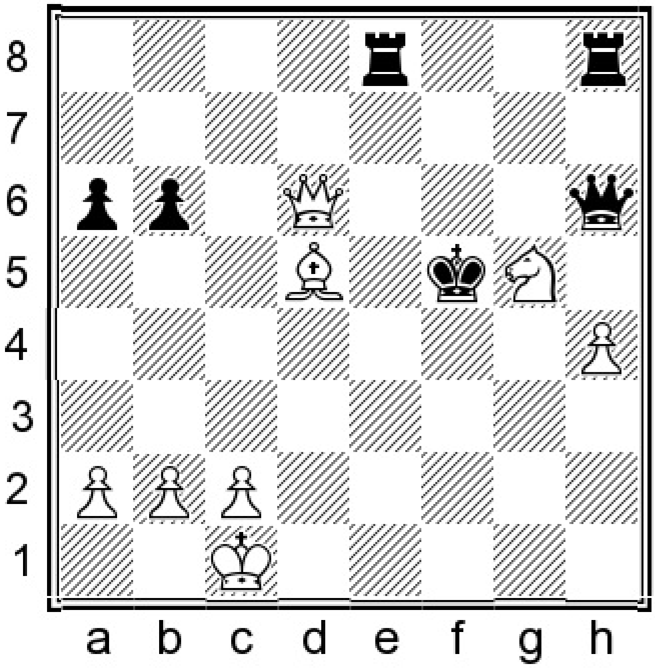
**34.♘g5 ♔c7 35.♖e7 ♖ae8 36.♕a5+ b6**



**37.♕c3+?** "At the moment he could close the mating net around the Black king, Shabalov hesitates and gets confused," added Timman. "After the turmoil is over, he has to sail to many ports to achieve victory."

37.♕xa6! was winning by force.

**37...♔d8 38.♖xd7+ ♔xd7 39.♕c6+ ♔e7 40.♕c7+ ♔f6 41.♕xd6+ ♔f5**

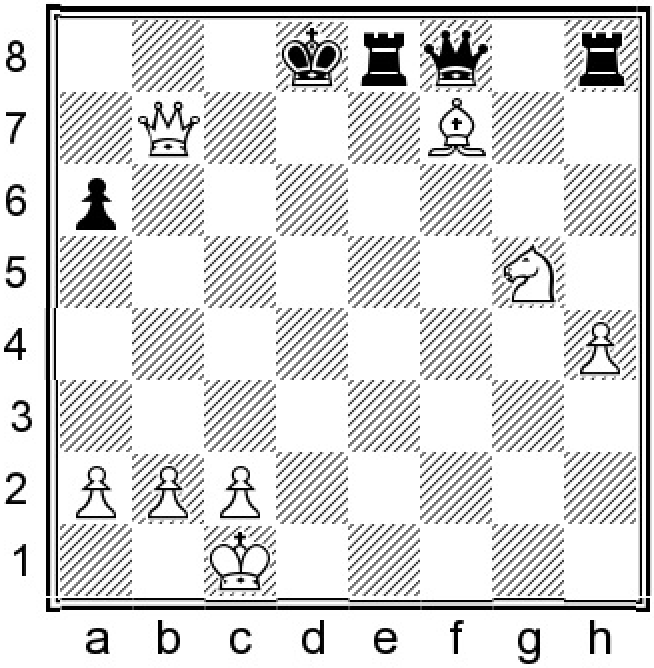


**42.♕d7+ ♔e5?** Under relentless pressure, Black finally cracks.

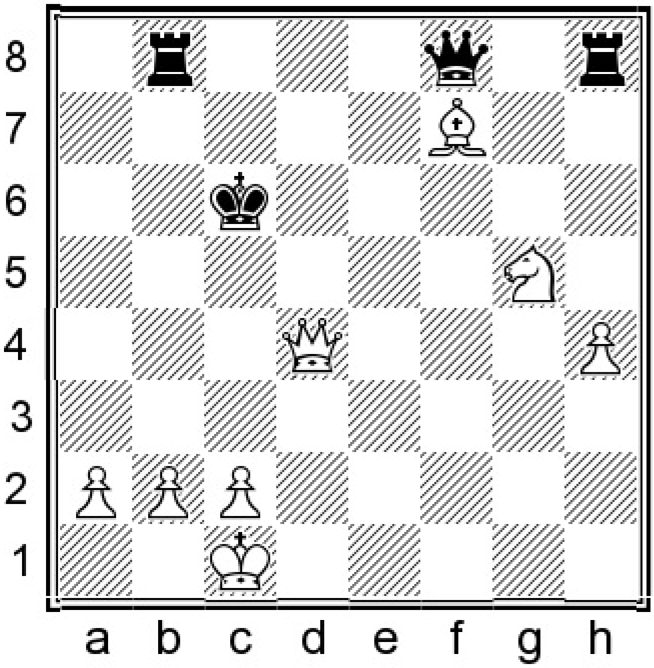
42...♔f4! would leave White with nothing better than 43.♕c7+ ♔f5 44.♕d7+ and a draw.

**43.♗f7! ♕f8 44.♕d5+** The rest of the game is a continuing king hunt where Black is never given a chance to get back into the game.

**44...♔f6 45.♕f3+ ♔e7 46.♕b7+ ♔f6 47.♕xb6+ ♔f5 48.♕f2+ ♔e5 49.♕g3+ ♔f6 50.♕f4+ ♔e7 51.♕c7+ ♔f6 52.♕c6+ ♔e5 53.♕d5+ ♔f6 54.♕f3+ ♔e7 55.♕b7+ ♔d8**

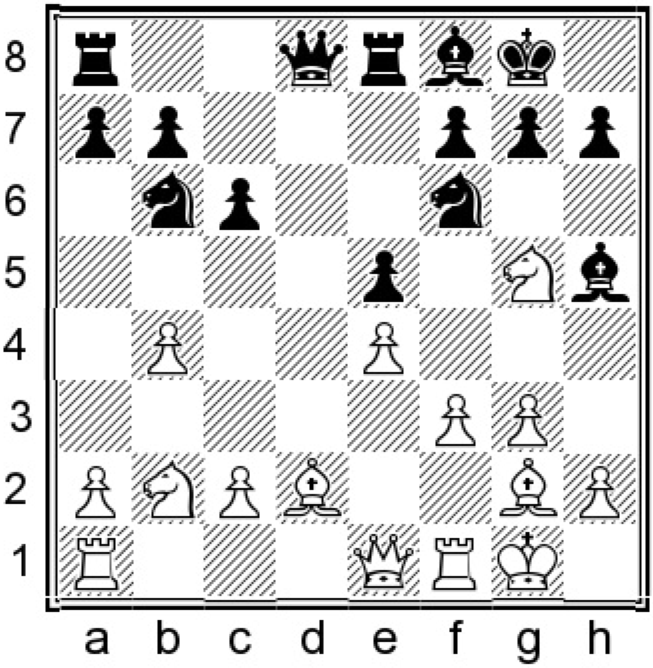


**56.♕b8+ ♔e7 57.♕a7+ ♔d8 58.♕a8+ ♔e7 59.♕a7+ ♔d8 60.♕b6+ ♔e7 61.♕e6+ ♔d8 62.♕b6+! ♔e7 63.♕xa6 ♖b8 64.♕a7+ ♔d6 65.♕d4+ ♔c6**



**66.♗d5+ ♔d7 67.♘f7 ♖h6 68.♕g4+ ♔c7 69.♕f4+ ♖d6 70.♕xd6+ ♕xd6 71.♘xd6 ♔xd6 72.♗f7 ♖f8 73.♗g6 ♖f1+ 74.♔d2 ♖f2+ 75.♔e3 ♖h2 76.h5 ♔e5 77.♔d3 ♔d5 78.♔c3 1-0**

**Graf, Alexander (2515) - Wedberg, Tom (2465)**
**Manila (ol) 55/5, 1992**



Had Timman's votes been counted Shabalov's win would have earned third place. Instead that position went to the following game, later described by Alexander Nenashev (later Graf) as perhaps the most memorable in his career. (Certainly the entire Olympiad was memorable for the Uzbek who earned a gold medal on board three, a silver medal with his team, as well as the third brilliancy prize.)

**16.a4!!** Totally unexpected; White proceeds with positional play while totally ignoring the threat of 16...Qd4.

**16...h6 17.♘h3 ♕d4+ 18.♖f2 ♕xb2 19.♗c3 ♗xb4!** White had seen this, which rescues the queen and leaves Black a pawn ahead, and judged correctly that White has ample compensation for the pawn.

**20.♗xb4 ♕d4**

20...♘c8 21.a5 also leaves Black in a bind.

**21.g4 ♗g6 22.g5 ♘h5**

On 22...hxg5 Nenashev (Graf) wanted to play 23.♖d1 ♕b2 24.a5!, with the idea 24...♘bd7? 25.♖b1 ♕a2 26.c3! ♕c4 27.♗f1 ♕e6 28.♘xg5 and the queen is trapped!

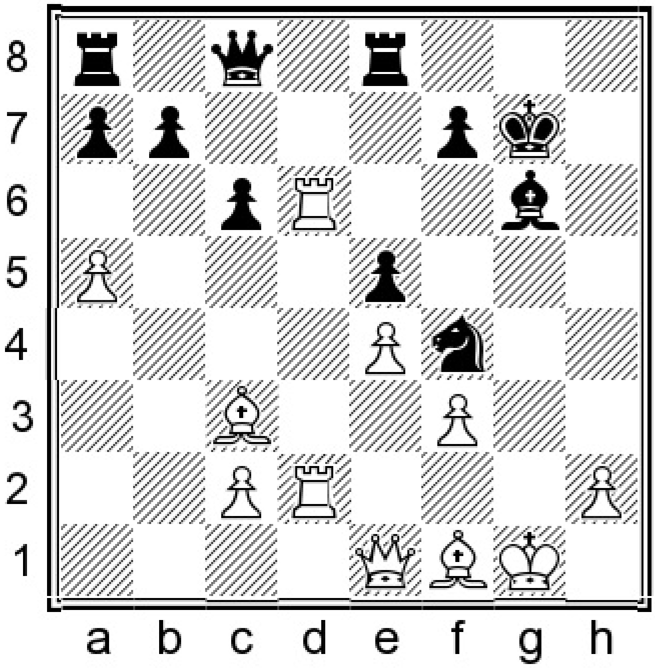
**23.♖d1 ♕c4 24.♗f1 ♕e6 25.♖d6 ♕c8?**

25...♕a2! was risky but necessary.

**26.a5 ♘d7 27.gxh6 ♘f8**

27...gxh6 is well met by 28.♕d2

**28.hxg7 ♘e6 29.♗c3 ♘ef4 30.♘xf4 ♘xf4 31.♖fd2 ♔xg7**



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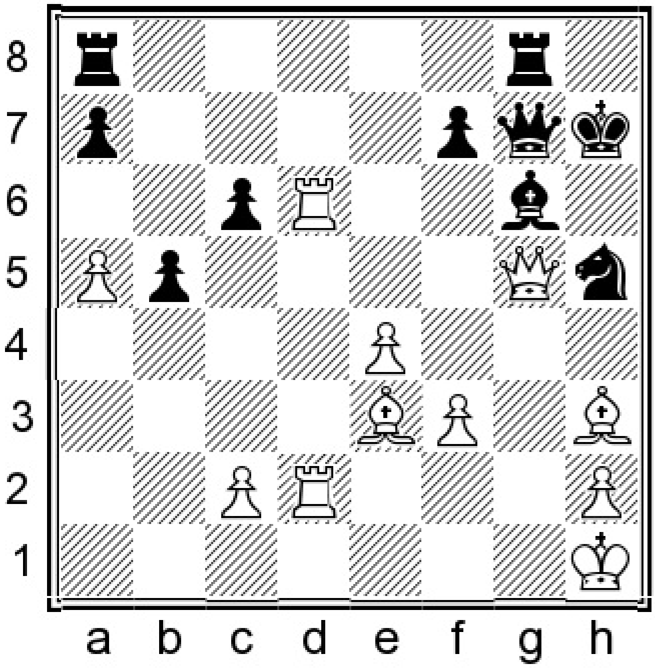
**32.♕h4 ♔g8 33.♕g5!** "The execution of the Black king is swift and painless," said Timman.

**33...♔h7**

33...♘h3+ 34.♗xh3 ♕xh3 loses to 35.♖xg6+.

**34.♔h1 b5 35.♗xe5 ♘h5 36.♗d4 ♖g8 37.♗e3 ♕f8 38.♗h3 ♕g7**



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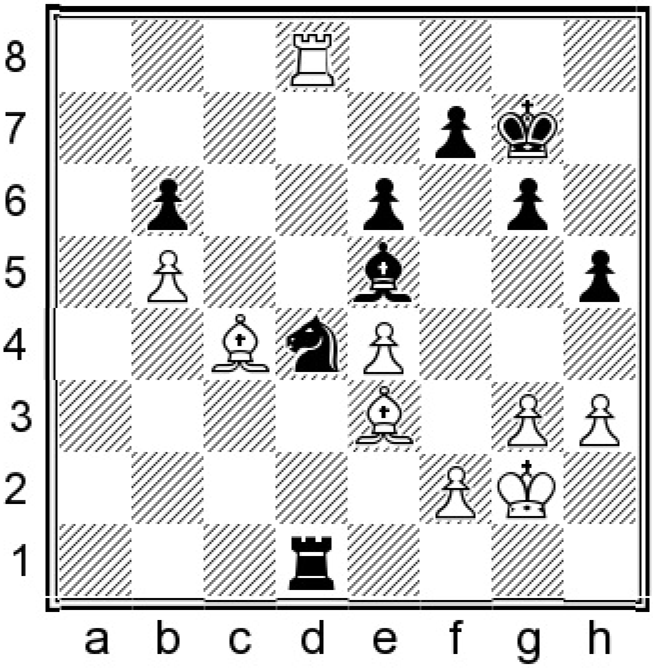
**39.♖xg6! ♕a1+**

39...♕xg6 allows 40.♗f5, while 39...fxg6 40.♖d7 also loses the queen.

**40.♕g1 1-0**

**Kasparov, Garry (2780) - Ivanchuk, Vassily (2720)**
**Manila (ol) 55/46, 1992**



The judging meeting began and Kasparov quickly took over with Gufeld, unusually, saying very little. Parr reported: "Kasparov showed his genius when various submitted games were suggested by the panel - he not only remembered all the games but explained what was wrong with them!"

The World Champion had entered three games with the following his favourite.

Black is under considerable pressure but after 38...Bf6 39.Rd7 Kf8, the game is still alive. However Ivanchuk erred with the more "active" **38...♔f6?** and after **39.♖d7!**, Black has run out of reasonable moves.

Ivanchuk went for **39...g5** which lost immediately to **40.♗e2! ♘xe2**

40...♖e1 41.♗xh5 is just as bad.

**41.♖xd1 ♘c3 42.♖d8! ♘xe4 43.♗xb6 ♘c3 44.♖g8 ♘xb5 45.♗d8+ 1-0**

Kasparov stressed that his win over Ivanchuk was clearly the best game played at the Olympiad but only he and Ivanchuk would understand it. So he preferred his game against Nikolic to win the Best Game Prize. It was pointed out to him that the prize was advertised as a brilliancy prize, not a best game prize, with Olympiad bulletins being presented as evidence.

Having lost that debate, Kasparov moved on to explaining at length what a brilliancy was: it must feature something new in the opening, have original ideas and be tactical.

Eventually Anand, who was to challenge Kasparov for the world title just three years later, became frustrated and said: "Gazza! We all know what a brilliancy is! You're describing a well played game. We've made our choices, let's count the votes!"

Kasparov added a few more points but soon the vote was called. Kasparov had voted: 1. Kasparov - Nikolic, 2. Kasparov - Ivanchuk and 3. Kasparov - Nenashev (Graf). Omuku voted exactly the same way, as did Gufeld. Seirawan and Parr both voted 1. Rogers - Milos, 2. Kasparov - Nikolic. The contest was over.

Once Kasparov's victory was secure, ultimately by five votes ahead of me, he and other committee members departed, leaving Gufeld and Parr to tally the minor votes. They agreed that it would look bad to give Kasparov - Ivanchuk third place, so it was decided that no player could win more than one prize.

There was another problem; fewer than 10 games had received votes.

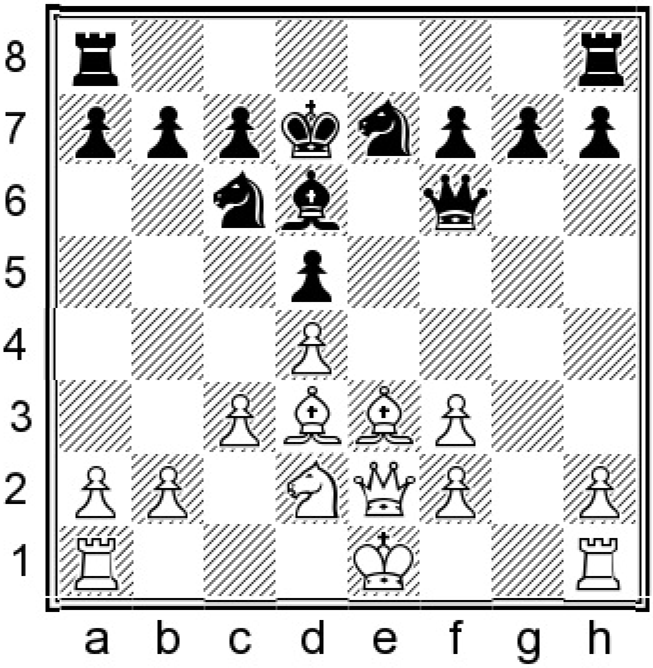
A few of the other entries were placed on the prize list, including the following game which featured on Timman's (unused) list.

**C01**
**Handoko, Edhi (2390) - Zueger, Beat (2420)**
**Manila (ol) 55/270, 1992**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♗d3 ♗g4 6.c3 ♕f6!? 7.♕e2+ ♔d7!?**

7...♘ge7 was more sober.

**8.♗e3 ♗xf3 9.gxf3 ♗d6 10.♘d2 ♘ge7**



**11.♘e4!** "Imaginative play by White," said Timman. "After his early knight sacrifice, Handoko skips several opportunities to regain the piece, because he is out for bigger game."

**11...dxe4 12.fxe4 ♕h4**

12...♖ae8, preparing ...Kc8, was safer.

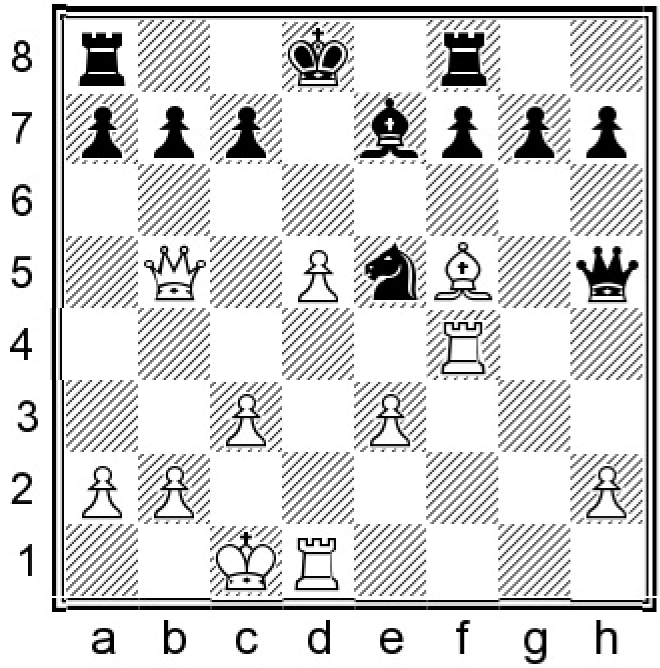
**13.e5 ♘d5 14.O-O-O**

14.exd6? ♘xe3 would win for Black.

**14...♘xe3 15.fxe3 ♗e7 16.♖hf1 ♖hf8?**

It was time to let the f7-pawn go with 16...g6

**17.♗f5+! ♔e8 18.d5! ♘xe5 19.♕b5+ ♔d8 20.♖f4 ♕h5**

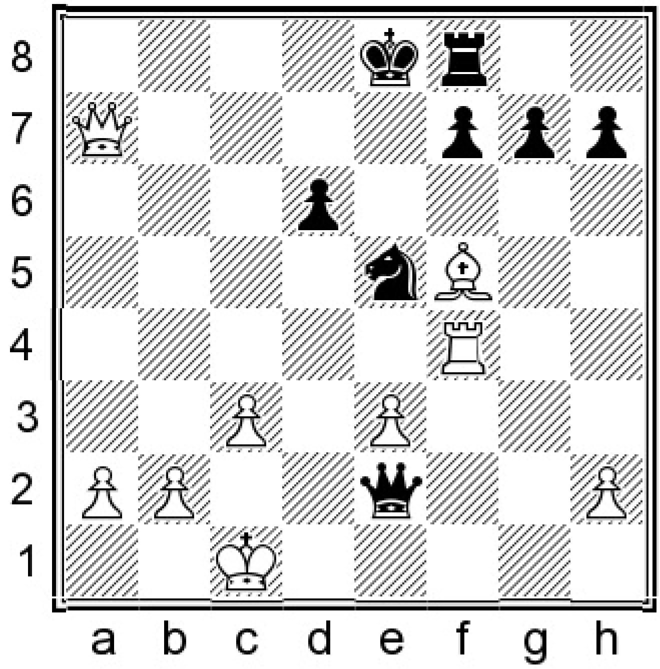


**21.d6!**

Black was hoping for 21.♕xb7 ♗d6 22.♕xa8+ ♔e7 23.♕xa7 ♕xh2, although even here White stands well after 24.♕d4

**21...♗xd6 22.♖xd6+! cxd6 23.♕xb7** Now White wins back the sacrificed material with interest.

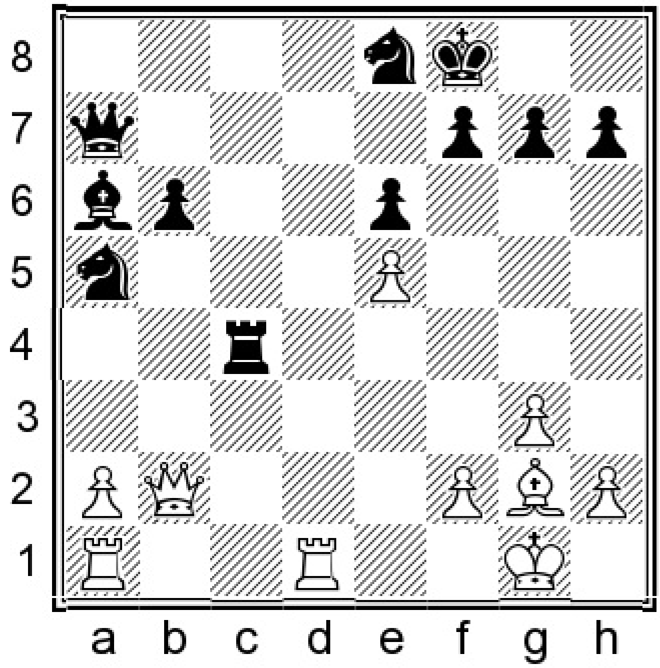
**23...♕e2 24.♕xa8+ ♔e7 25.♕xa7+ ♔e8**



**26.♖d4!** A final flourish!

**26...♕xe3+ 27.♔c2 ♕f2+ 28.♔b3 ♕xf5 29.♕b8+ ♔d7 30.♕xd6+ ♔c8 31.♕c5+! ♔b7 32.♖b4+ 1-0**

**Chiburdanidze, Maia (2485) - Xie, Jun (2480)**
**Manila (ol), 1992**

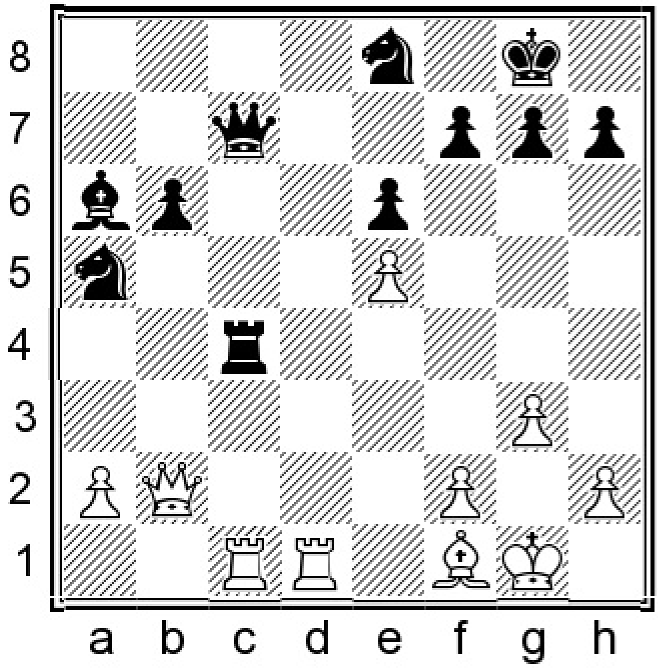


Then Gufeld had a brainwave. His former pupil Maia Chiburdanidze had won an important game that day against the player who had taken her Women's World Championship title in Manila a year earlier. The game was not a brilliancy, nor had it been entered, but Gufeld happily added it to the top 10 and Parr agreed.

White has given up two pieces for a rook to secure open lines for her pieces, but had Xie played 21...Rc5! then Black would be solid as a rock and ahead on material. Instead **21...♕c7?! 22.♗f1 ♔g8?**, threw away any Black advantage.

Advantage could still have been claimed after 22...♗b7! 23.♗xc4 ♕c6!

**23.♖ac1**



**23...♗b7?** Now this idea loses by force.

There was still a forced draw available via 23...♖xc1 24.♖xc1 ♘c4 25.♕c3 b5 26.a4 ♕xe5 27.axb5 ♕xc3 28.♖xc3 ♗xb5 29.♗xc4 ♗xc4 30.♖xc4 ♔f8

**24.♖xc4** The simplest.

Although 24.♗xc4 ♕c6 25.♗d5! was also game over.

**24...♘xc4 25.♕b5! 1-0**

For me, winning the equivalent of US$ 1.000 was a wonderful windfall - enough to pay for my air ticket to the Olympiad. Since I had known that any project involving Gufeld was likely to be corrupted in some way, and I knew that Kasparov was both lobbying and voting for himself, coming second was no great surprise.

Indeed when I came down to Gufeld's office after the closing ceremony to pick up my 30,000 pesos and chess board, he waved his finger at me and said: "I told you that you should have been on my Commission. If you had, you would have won first prize!"

## Postscript

What do you do with a beautiful 20kg marble chess board when the airline luggage limit is 20 kgs?

My answer was to donate the board to the Australian Embassy in Manila - though it was hard work just to get it into and out of a taxi. The consulate staff were happy to accept it, but then asked if I was also providing a set of pieces to go with it! Upon a reply in the negative they declared their intention to buy some pieces.

In 2003 Campomanes was convicted for failure to account for almost 13m pesos that were supposed to be spent on the 1992 Manila Olympiad, and sentenced to 22 months in jail. Campomanes stayed out of jail while his appeal was pending and in 2006 was cleared by the Philippine Supreme Court on the grounds that as head of an international organisation such as FIDE, he was not bound by Filipino accounting rules.

# GUNNERMURI TALES

By GM Marian Petrov

## CHAMPION OF THE NEW EPOCH

**Marian Petrov**

- **Country:** Bulgaria
- **Born:** 1975
- **Rating:** 2468
- **Peak rating:** 2549
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2010

Reigning World Champion Steinitz publicly spoke of retiring. However, the young mathematician Emanuel Lasker challenged him, so he changed his mind. Initially, Lasker wanted to play for US$ 5.000 a side and a match was agreed at stakes of US$ 3.000 a side, but Steinitz agreed to a series of reductions when Lasker found it difficult to raise the money. So, and the final sum was US$ 2.000 each, which was less than for some of Steinitz's earlier matches (the final combined stake of US$ 4.000 would be worth about US$ 500,000 at the beginning of the XXI century). Although this was publicly praised as an act of sportsmanship on Steinitz's part, Steinitz may have desperately needed the money.

The fifth World Chess Championship match was held in New York City (games 1 - 8), Philadelphia (games 9 - 11), and Montreal (games 12 - 19), and was contested between March 15 and May 26, 1894. There was a great interest for the match because Lasker was considered as one of the best 4 players in the world, but he previously didn't meet in match any of the other top players. Steinitz had previously declared he would win without doubt, so it came as a shock when Lasker won the first game. Steinitz responded by winning the second, and was able to maintain the balance until the sixth. However, Lasker won all the games from the seventh to the 11th. When the match resumed in Montreal, Steinitz looked in better shape and won games 13th and 14th. Lasker struck back in the 15th and 16th, and Steinitz was unable to compensate for his losses in the middle of the match.

Hence, Lasker won with ten wins, five losses and four draws. Some commentators thought Steinitz's habit of playing "experimental" moves in serious competition was a major factor in his downfall. So, the first World Champion Wilhelm Steinitz lost his title to challenger Emanuel Lasker, who was 32 years younger.

**C62**
**Lasker, Emanuel - Steinitz, Wilhelm**
**New York/Philadelphia/Montreal (m/7), 1894**

*Emanuel Lasker*

**1.e4 e5**

In the first 6 games White won 4 with 2 draws. So, if anyone could win with the black pieces that could have a huge impact on the final result.

**2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 d6 4.d4 ♗d7 5.♘c3 ♘ge7** The reigning Champion is playing one of his pet lines. This setup is a bit passive, but very solid.

**6.♗e3 ♘g6 7.♕d2 ♗e7 8.O-O-O**

8.d5 ♘a5 9.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 10.b3±

**8...a6 9.♗e2**

9.♗xc6 ♗xc6 10.♕e2 ♕c8 is fine for black.

**9...exd4** Finally, Black has decided to start trading some pieces. Otherwise, it would be hard to keep the pressure for long as he needs to castle.

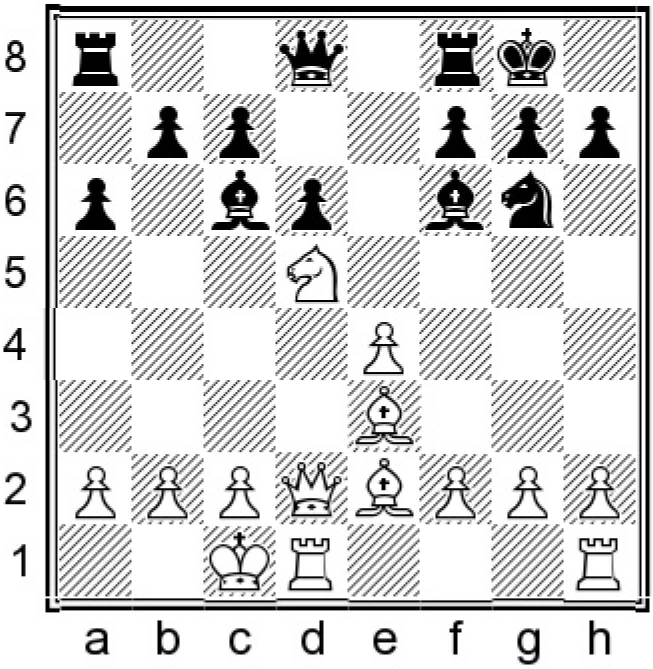
**10.♘xd4 ♘xd4 11.♕xd4**

11.♗xd4 ♗g5 12.♗e3 is also good.

**11...♗f6 12.♕d2 ♗c6** Black managed to put his minor pieces in good positions and is ready to castle.

**13.♘d5 O-O**

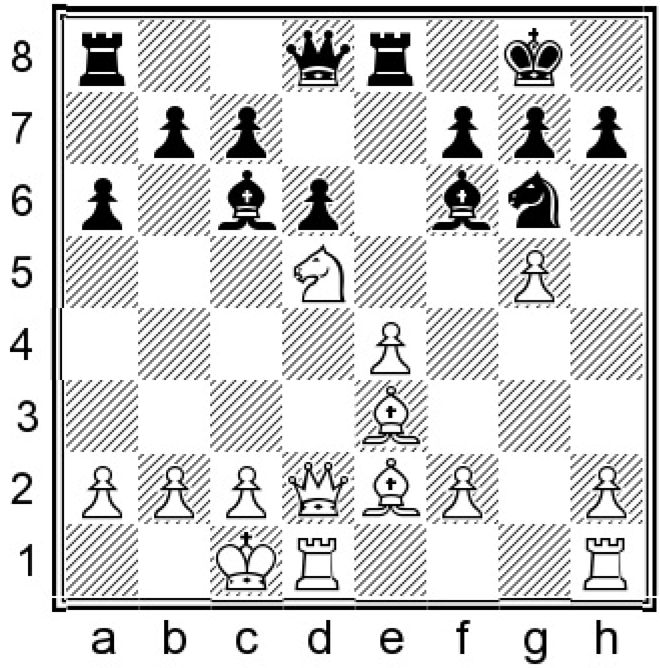
13...♗xd5 14.♕xd5 O-O 15.h4 and White has the initiative.



**14.g4?**

14.h4! It is dangerous for Black to take the pawn as White has strong attack on the h-file after 14...♗xh4 15.g3 ♗f6 16.f4 ♖e8 17.♗f3 ♗xd5 18.♕xd5→

**14...♖e8 15.g5**



**15...♗xd5!** Probably Lasker has underestimated this move. Now Black gains the initiative.
**16.♕xd5?!**

Better is 16.exd5 ♖xe3 17.fxe3 ♗xg5⩱

**16...♖e5!** Intermediate move which gives Black some edge.

**17.♕d2 ♗xg5 18.f4 ♖xe4 19.fxg5 ♕e7** This is the point of the combination. Black now has a clear advantage.

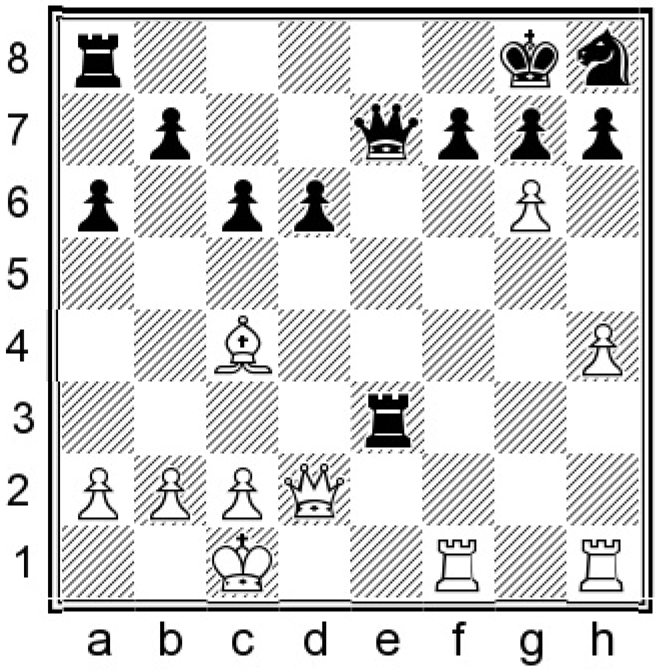
**20.♖df1?!**

20.♗f3 ♖xe3 21.♗xb7 ♖b8 22.♗xa6 ♕xg5∓ was more stubborn.

**20...♖xe3 21.♗c4 ♘h8?!** It seems like Steinitz just simply has to do something strange. He was often bringing his knights in such positions, provoking his opponents.

21...♖f8 is much simpler.

**22.h4 c6 23.g6** Looks like desperation.



**23...d5??**

23...hxg6! Steinitz was just a few moves away from striking first win with the black pieces and taking the lead in the match after 24.h5 gxh5 25.♖xh5 ♖e5! 26.♖xh8+ ♔xh8 27.♗xf7 ♕h4-+ and Black is winning.

**24.gxh7+!**

Probably Black was hoping for 24.gxf7+ ♘xf7-+

**24...♔xh7 25.♗d3+ ♔g8 26.h5** Suddenly because of the bad position of the black knight knight White has some compensation.

**26...♖e8 27.h6 g6 28.h7+ ♔g7 29.♔b1**

29.♕h2 ♕g5

**29...♕e5 30.a3** White does not have any active moves so he is waiting.

**30...c5 31.♕f2 c4**

31...f5! 32.♖fg1 ♔f7∓

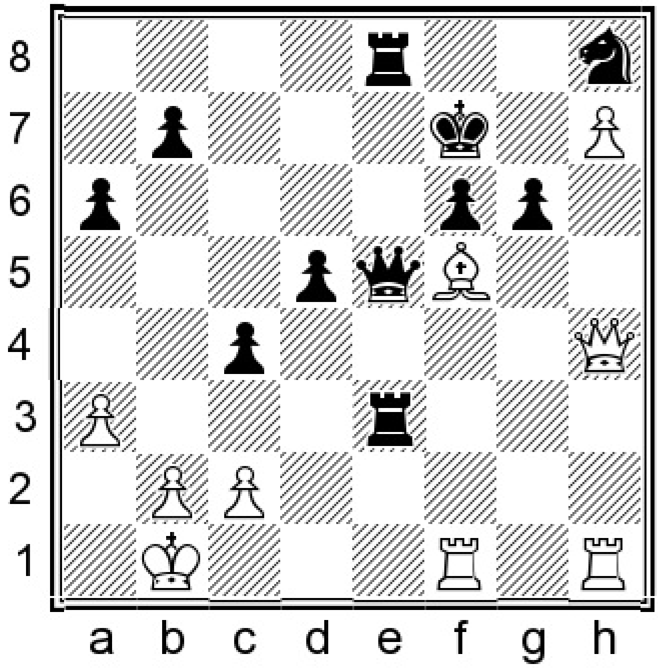
**32.♕h4** This is the only move.

**32...f6 33.♗f5**

33.♗xg6! ♘xg6 34.♖fg1 ♔f7 35.♕g4 ♕e4 36.♕d7+ ♖e7 37.♕c8 ♖e8=

**33...♔f7**

33...c3 34.♕h6+ ♔f7 35.♖hg1 ♖g3 36.♗d3 cxb2∓



**34.♖hg1!**→ Now White has a strong attack.

**34...gxf5**

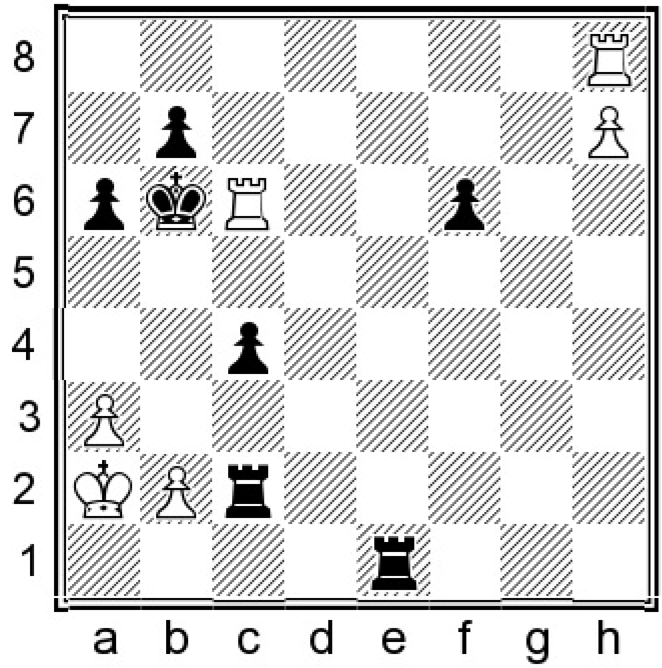
34...c3∞

**35.♕h5+ ♔e7 36.♖g8 ♔d6**

36...♔d8 37.♖xf5 ♕e6 38.♖xd5+ ♔c7 39.♖d4±

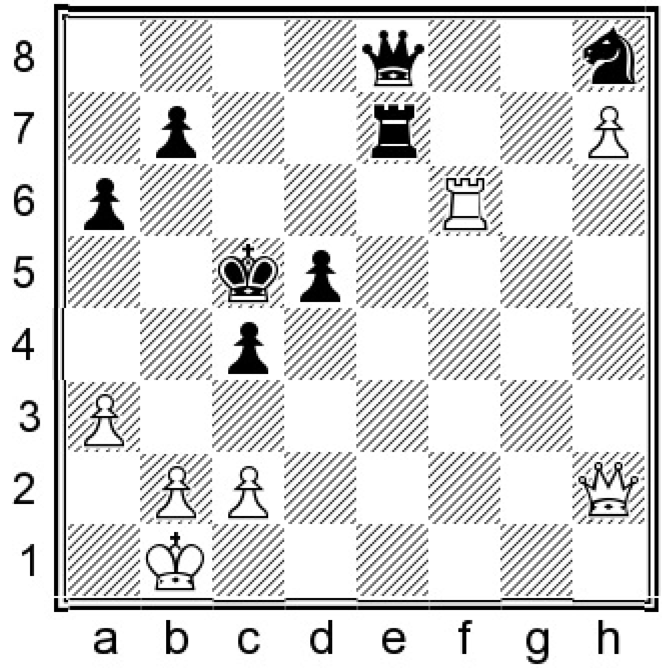
**37.♖xf5 ♕e6?**

37...♖e1+ Black should have found 38.♔a2 ♕e2 39.♖xd5+ ♔c6 40.♖c5+ ♔b6 41.♕xe2 ♖1xe2 (41...♖8xe2 42.♖xh8 ♖xc2 43.♖hc8 (43.♖c6+



43...♔b5!!=) 43...♖h1)

**38.♖xe8 ♕xe8 39.♖xf6+ ♔c5 40.♕h6! ♖e7 41.♕h2**



**41...♕d7??** A terrible blunder in a difficult position.

41...♕d8; 41...♖e1+

**42.♕g1+ d4 43.♕g5+ ♕d5 44.♖f5 ♕xf5 45.♕xf5+ ♔d6 46.♕f6+ 1-0**

## NEW YORK/PHILADELPHIA/MONTRÉAL 1894

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| Wilhelm STEINITZ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 0 | 7 |

## A Narrow Escape

Between his two matches against Janowski, Lasker arranged another World Chess Championship in January-February 1910 against Carl Schlechter. Schlechter was a modest gentleman, who was generally unlikely to win major chess tournaments by his peaceful inclination, his lack of aggressiveness and his willingness to accept most draw offers from his opponents (about 80% of his games finished in a draw).

In the beginning, Lasker tried to attack but Schlechter had no difficulty defending, so the first four games finished in draws. In the fifth game Lasker had a big advantage, but committed a blunder that cost him the game. Hence, at the middle of the match Schlechter was one point ahead. The next four games were drawn, despite fierce play from both players. In the sixth game Schlechter managed to secure a draw being a pawn down. In the seventh Lasker nearly lost because of a beautiful exchange sacrifice by Schlechter.

In the ninth only a blunder from Lasker allowed Schlechter to draw a lost ending.

The score before the last game was thus 5 : 4 in Schlechter's favour. In the tenth game Schlechter tried to win tactically and obtained a big advantage, but he missed a clear win at the 35th move, continuing to take great risk culminating in a painful defeat. So, the match was drawn and Lasker remained the World Champion.

It has been speculated that Schlechter played unusually risky chess in the tenth game because the terms of the match required him to win by a margin of two games. But, according to Isaak and Vladimir Linder, that was unlikely. The match was originally to be a 30-game long affair and Schlechter would have to win by two games. But they note that according to the Austrian chess historian Michael Ehn, Lasker agreed to forgot the plus two provision in view of the match being subsequently reduced to only 10 games. One quoted Schlechter's comment printed in *Allgemeine Sportzeitung* (ASZ) of December 9, 1909: "There will be ten games in all. The winner on points will receive the title of the World Champion. If the points are equal, the decision will be made by the arbiter."

The match is generally regarded as a World Championship match, but some sources have doubted this in view of its strange outcome. R.J. Buckley reported in the *American Chess Bulletin* that the ten-game match was not for the World Championship, and that its result suggested that "a contest on different terms, a match for the World Championship" should be played. But at the foot of this article the editor added that Lasker had told him: "Yes, I placed the title at stake". In the Encyclopaedia of

Chess, Anne Sunnucks describes the match as "a so-called championship match". On the other hand, in its book *Le guide des Echecs* the author Nicolas Giffard does not express the slightest doubt that this was a Chess Championship, but points out that in case Schlechter won, he would still need to win a revenge match before being called the World Champion.

However, a two-point margin for a 30-game match (as opposed to the 10 game match which was finally played) was agreed upon in 1908: "Conditions of the match with Schlechter have been agreed upon. Accordingly, it will consist of thirty games. Schlechter will win the Championship of the world, if his score exceeds mine by two points at least. If the difference between the scores is only one point the match will be a draw, and a tie match will have to be arranged." Lasker himself wrote two days before the tenth game, in his report to the *New York Evening Post*, "The match with Schlechter is nearing its end and it appears probable that for the first time in my life I shall be the loser. If that should happen a good man will have won the World Championship". This implies that it really was a World Title match and that there was no "two-game lead" clause. A report shortly after the end of the match appears to speculate that Schlechter threw the last game because a narrow victory for him would not have been in the financial interests of either player, as they would have had to play another match if Schlechter won narrowly, but they had not been able to get adequate financial backing for the 1910 match.

## WIEN/BERLIN 1910

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| Carl SCHLECHTER | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 5 |
| Emanuel LASKER | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 5 |

**D94**
**Lasker, Emanuel - Schlechter, Carl**
**Wien/Berlin (m/10), 1910**

*Carl Schlechter*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.e3 g6** The famous inovation which was named after Schlechter. It is a quite original mix between few ideas.

**5.♘c3 ♗g7 6.♗d3 O-O 7.♕c2 ♘a6 8.a3 dxc4**

8...c5 and Black has a good position.

**9.♗xc4 b5 10.♗d3 b4**

10...c5 11.♘xb5 ♗b7⯹

**11.♘a4 bxa3 12.bxa3 ♗b7?**

12...c5 13.♘xc5 ♘xc5 14.♕xc5 ♗b7⯹

**13.♖b1 ♕c7 14.♘e5**

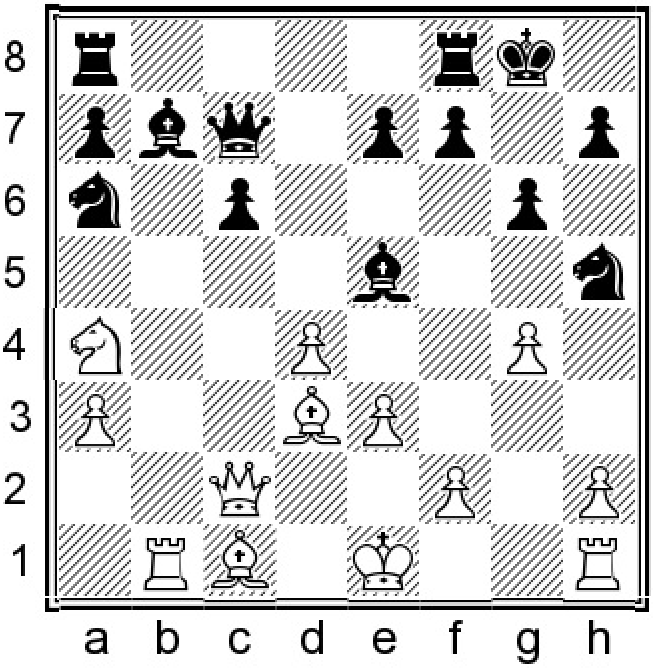
14.♕c4 ♗c8 15.O-O±

**14...♘h5?** The last few moves look very strange. Maybe the pressure in this game was too big, but Black's minor pieces are looking very sad.

**15.g4?!**

15.O-O ♗xe5 16.dxe5 ♘g7 17.f4+-

**15...♗xe5**



**16.gxh5?** Lasker has a wrong idea to complicate the matters while with "normal" moves he should have a solid advantage.

16.dxe5 ♘g7 17.O-O±

**16...♗g7 17.hxg6 hxg6= 18.♕c4 ♗c8**

How many chances for 18...c5! were missed? 19.♖g1 e6 20.♖xb7 ♕xb7 21.♕xa6 ♕xa6 22.♗xa6 cxd4=

**19.♖g1**

19.♗d2±

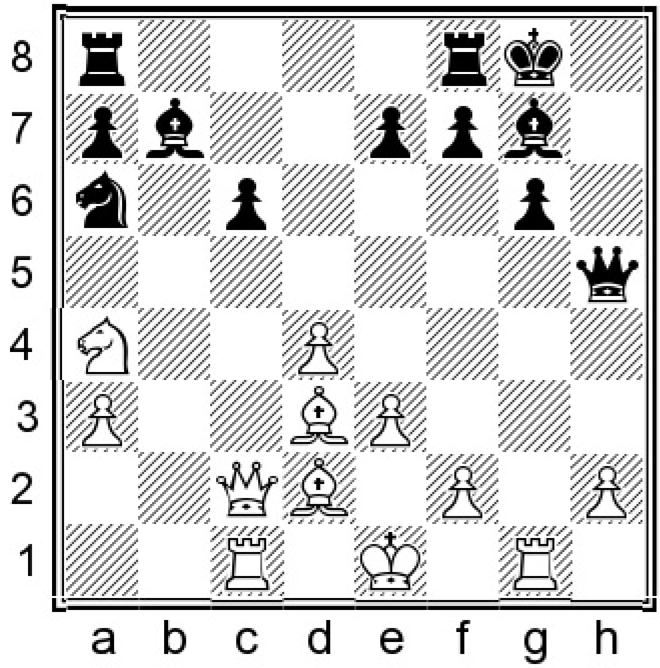
**19...♕a5+**

19...♕xh2! 20.♖xg6 ♗e6 21.♖xe6 fxe6 22.♕xe6+ ♔h8∞

**20.♗d2 ♕d5 21.♖c1 ♗b7 22.♕c2**

22.♘c3 ♕xc4 23.♗xc4+-

**22...♕h5**



**23.♗xg6??**

23.♕b3! ♕xh2 24.♖xg6 ♕h1+ 25.♗f1+-

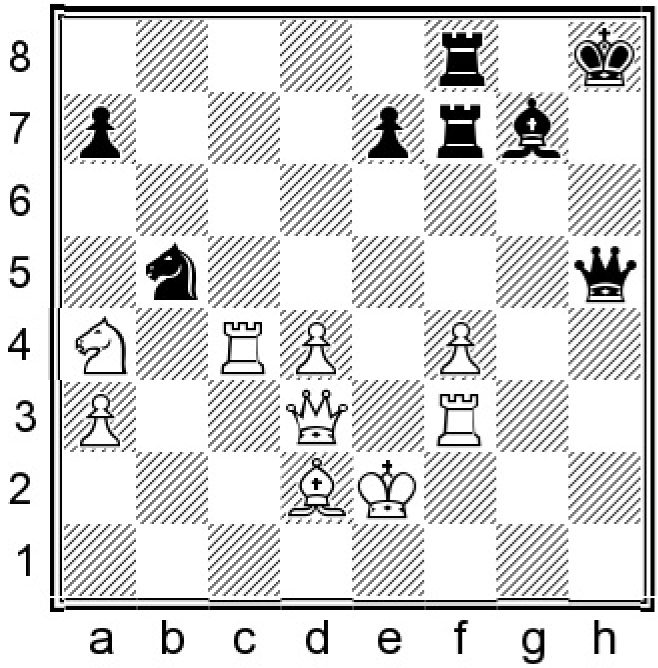
**23...♕xh2 24.♖f1 fxg6 25.♕b3+ ♖f7 26.♕xb7 ♖af8 27.♕b3 ♔h8 28.f4 g5**

28...e5 29.dxe5 ♖d8=∞

**29.♕d3 gxf4 30.exf4 ♕h4+ 31.♔e2 ♕h2+ 32.♖f2 ♕h5+ 33.♖f3 ♘c7 34.♖xc6**

34.♖h1 ♕xh1 35.♖h3+ ♕xh3 36.♕xh3+ ♔g8 37.♘c5±

**34...♘b5 35.♖c4** The critical moment of the game. Black has many good options but we don't know in the end was he playing for a win or draw...



**35...♖xf4**

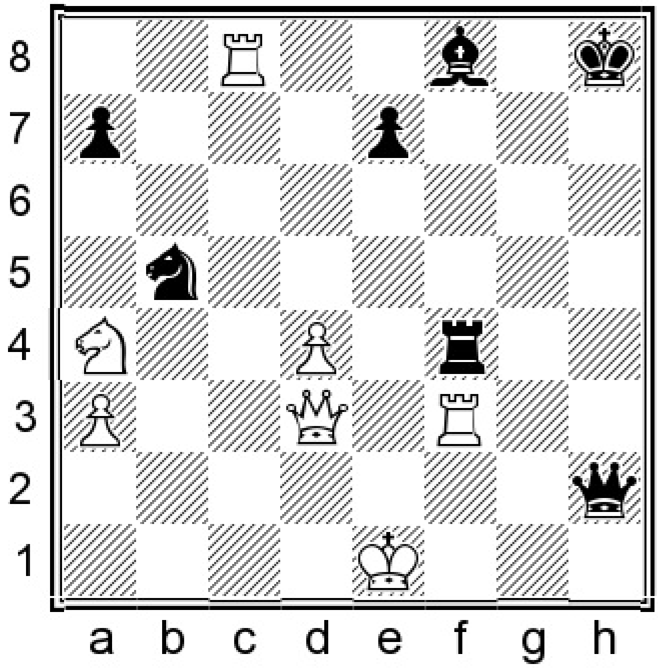
35...♘d6 36.♖c5 ♘f5∓;

35...♖d8 36.♔e1 ♕h4+ 37.♔d1 ♕h1+ 38.♕f1 ♕xf1+ 39.♖xf1 ♘xa3∓

**36.♗xf4 ♖xf4 37.♖c8+ ♗f8 38.♔f2 ♕h2+**

38...♕h4+ 39.♔g2 ♕g4+ 40.♖g3 ♕xc8 41.♕g6+-

**39.♔e1**



**39...♕h1+??**

39...♕h4+ 40.♔d2 ♕h2+= This should have brought the victory in the match! 41.♔e1 ♕h4+ 42.♔f1 (42.♔d2 ♕h2+=) 42...♕h3+ 43.♔f2 ♖xf3+ 44.♕xf3 ♕xc8 45.♕h5+ ♔g8 46.♕xb5 ♗g7∓

**40.♖f1 ♕h4+ 41.♔d2 ♖xf1 42.♕xf1 ♕xd4+ 43.♕d3 ♕f2+ 44.♔d1 ♘d6+- 45.♖c5 ♗h6 46.♖d5 ♔g8 47.♘c5 ♕g1+ 48.♔c2 ♕c1+ 49.♔b3 ♗g7 50.♘e6 ♕b2+ 51.♔a4 ♔f7 52.♘xg7 ♕xg7 53.♕b3 ♔e8 54.♕b8+ ♔f7 55.♕xa7 ♕g4+ 56.♕d4 ♕d7+ 57.♔b3 ♕b7+ 58.♔a2 ♕c6 59.♕d3 ♔e6 60.♖g5 ♔d7 61.♖e5 ♕g2+ 62.♖e2 ♕g4 63.♖d2 ♕a4 64.♕f5+ ♔c7 65.♕c2+ ♕xc2+ 66.♖xc2+ ♔b6 67.♖e2 ♘c8 68.♔b3 ♔c6 69.♖c2+ ♔b7 70.♔b4 ♘a7 71.♔c5 1-0**

Another interpretation, offered separately by Ludek Pachman and Larry Evans, is that Schlechter simply did not play the final game well enough. Pachman writes: "Both players were labouring under such nervous stress that their power of judgment was not working as well as it normally did." Evans writes: "The truth is Schlechter probably never saw a clear draw! He missed 35...Rd8! with good winning chances. Later he said he intended 38...Qh4 39.Kg2 Qg4 40. Rg3 Qc8 overlooking 41.Qg6! Flustered, he then missed a draw - and the title - by 39...Qh4! 40.Kd2 Qh2 41.Ke3 Rf3 42.Kf3 Qh3 43.Ke2 Qc8 44.Qb5, etc. The last hope to hold was 46...Qa2."

Another suggestion is that Schlechter played to win the last game because he was too honourable to get the title by a fluke, having won the fifth game when Lasker blundered in a better position.

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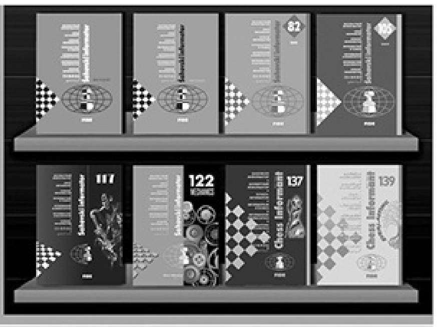


By Douglas Griffin

## Mark Taimanov — Lev Psakhis, National Tournament of Three Teams, Moscow 1981

Л.ПОЛУГАЕВСКИЙ
Л.ПСАХИС

*Lev Psakhis, pictured in play with the black pieces v. Lev Polugaevsky in the final round of the National Tournament of Four Teams, Moscow 1981. Among the onlookers are Yuri Razuvaev and Mikhail Tal (Photo: I. Ukhtin, Novosti Press.)*

In the previous *From the Chess Informant Archives* column I presented a personal selection of the five most memorable games in the history of the publication. One of them featured Lev Psakhis; I indicated at the time that many more of his games were shortlisted for inclusion. This article features one of them.

In February 1981, in honour of the XXVI Congress of the Communist Party of the USSR, a "National Tournament of Four Teams" was organised in Moscow. It was a star-studded event, featuring 8-player USSR "first" & "second" teams, a "senior" team and a "youth" team. The USSR first team was headed by World Champion Anatoly Karpov; it was here that he faced Garry Kasparov, leader of the youth selection, for the first time in single combat at the chessboard. Volume 31 of *Chess Informant* features many superb games from the competition. Perhaps the finest was one played by Lev Psakhis, who had recently been crowned Soviet Champion, having shared 1st-2nd place with Alexander Beliavsky in the 48th USSR Championship in Vilnius. His opponent was the veteran grandmaster Mark Taimanov.

Psakhis annotated the game for *Chess Informant*, and many years later he revisited the encounter in detail in his superb work *Shakhmatnaya taktika dlya sovershenstvuyushikhsya* (2014). The notes below are based on these sources.

## MOSCOW 1981
## National Tournament of Four Teams

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 USSR First Team | ■ ■ | 10 : 6 | 9 : 7 | 9½ : 6½ | 6*/28½**/48 |
| 2 USSR Youth Team | 6 : 10 | ■ ■ | 10 : 6 | 7½ : 8½ | 2/23½/48 |
| 3 USSR Senior Team | 7 : 9 | 6 : 10 | ■ ■ | 10 : 6 | 2/23/48 |
| 4 USSR Second Team | 6½ : 9½ | 8½ : 7½ | 6 : 10 | ■ ■ | 2/21/48 |

* Matchpoints; ** Game-points

**USSR First Team 28½** [Anatoly Karpov 3½/6, Boris Spassky 3/6, Lev Polugaevsky 4/6, Tigran V. Petrosian 3/6, Mikhail Tal 4½/6, Alexander Beliavsky 3½/6, Yuri Balashov 3/6, Efim Geller 4/6]

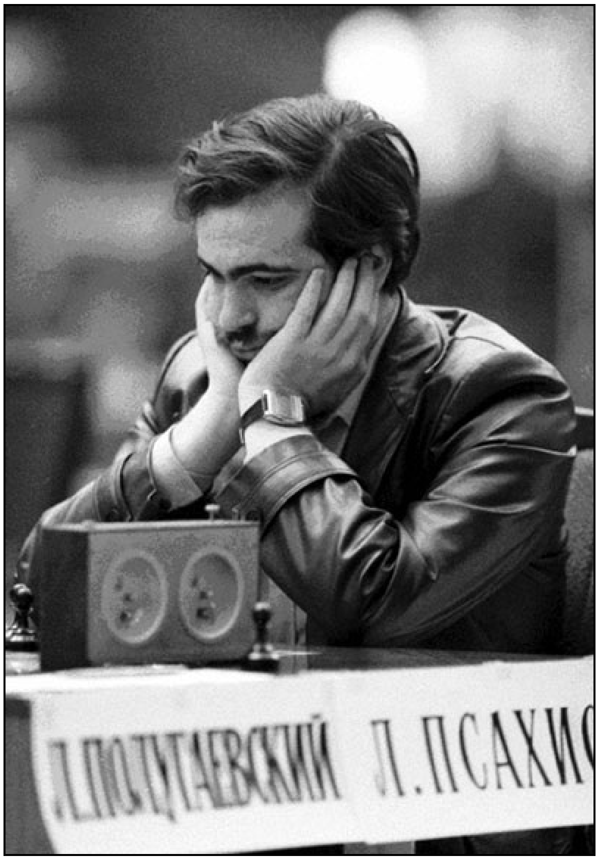
**USSR Youth Team 23½** [Garry Kasparov 4/6, Artur Jussupow 2½/6, Lev Psakhis 2½/6, Sergey Dolmatov 4/6, Alexander Kochyev 2/6, Adrian Mikhalchishin 3½/6, Smbat Lputian 3/6, Maia Chiburdanidze 2/6]

**USSR Senior Team 23** [Vasily Smyslov 2½/6, David Bronstein 3½/6, Mark Taimanov 2½/6, Evgeni Vasiukov 3/6, Yuri Averbakh 3/6, Vladimir Bagirov 3/6, Eduard Gufeld 3/6, Alexey Suetin 2½/6]

**USSR Second Team 21** [Oleg Romanishin 2/6, Vitaly Tseshkovsky 3/6, Rafael Vaganian 3/6, Gennady Kuzmin 2/6, Viktor Kupreichik 2½/6, Nukhim Rashkovsky 2/6, Tamaz Giorgadze 3/6, Sergey Makarichev 3½/6]

**A04**
**Taimanov, Mark E (2500) - Psakhis, Lev (2500)**
**USSR 31/81, 1981**

*Lev Psakhis, Moscow 1981 (Photo: I. Ukhtin, Novosti Press.)*



**1.♘f3 c5 2.b3** Earlier in his career Taimanov was a specialist in many of the main lines arising after 1.d4, but in his later days he generally avoided theoretical debates and often resorted to the set-ups arising from 1.Nf3 and 2.b3.

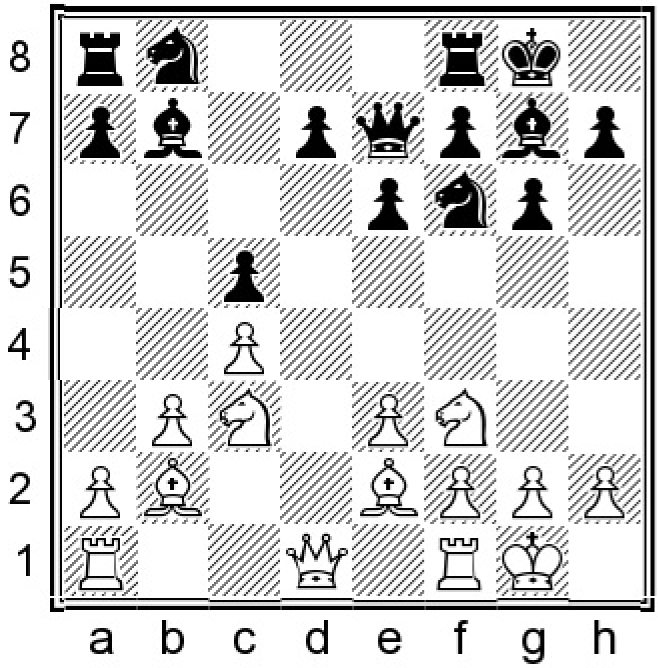
**2...b6 3.♗b2 ♗b7 4.e3 ♘f6 5.d4 g6** In his later notes, Psakhis writes that "possibly, this move is not bad, but now I simply would not be able to lift my hand to play it!".

The reason for this is that the position arising after (5...g6) 6.dxc5!? bxc5 7.♗xf6 exf6 8.c4 ♗g7 9.♘c3 f5 10.♖c1, which he indeed mentions in his notes in *Chess Informant*, no longer appealed to him.

**6.♗e2 ♗g7 7.O-O O-O 8.c4 e6** Black is now effectively playing one of the standard lines in the Reti Opening with colours reversed (see, for instance, the game Polugaevsky - Petrosian, Moscow 1971, from this column in *Chess Informant* vol. 149!).

A simpler approach is 8...cxd4 followed by 9...d5.

**9.dxc5 bxc5 10.♘c3 ♕e7**

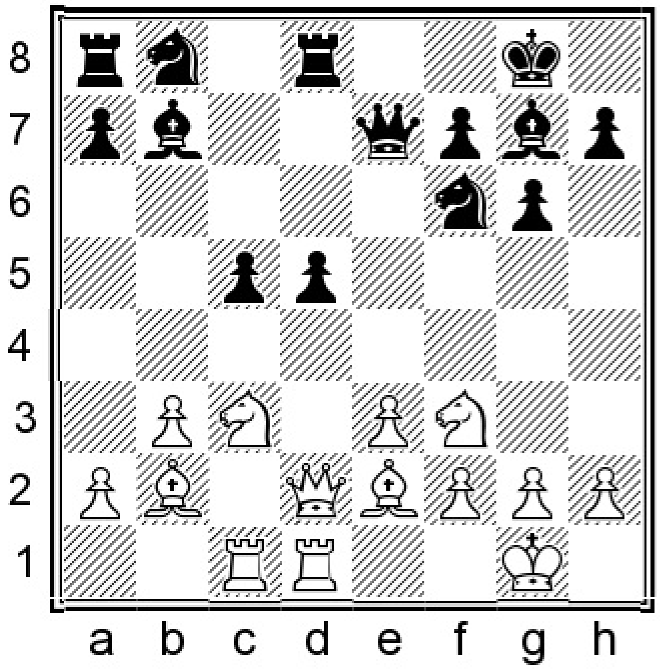


**11.♕d2?!** The queen is somewhat misplaced here.

11.♕c2, analogously to the respective line in the Reti Opening, makes a better impression. Then Black may have had to opt for the restrained ...d6.

**11...♖d8 12.♖fd1 d5!** With the white queen on d2, this more energetic approach is indicated.

**13.cxd5 exd5 14.♖ac1?!**



"White's provocative play continues", writes Psakhis, who indicates that were he playing with the white pieces, he would have considered 14.♕c2!?, although admittedly this is psychologically a difficult move to make, as it is equivalent to an admission that his choice of square for the queen three moves earlier was not the best.

**14...♗h6!** An excellent move, incited by the positions of the white queen and rook on the diagonal c1-h6. The position is strongly reminiscent of the situation that arose in the famous game Sokolsky,Alexey - Botvinnik,Mikhail, from the Leningrad Semi-final of the 11th USSR Championship (1938). Psakhis was naturally familiar with that game (which, incidentally, he also analyses in detail in his 2014 book), and the text move was inspired by it.

**15.♘a4 ♘e4**

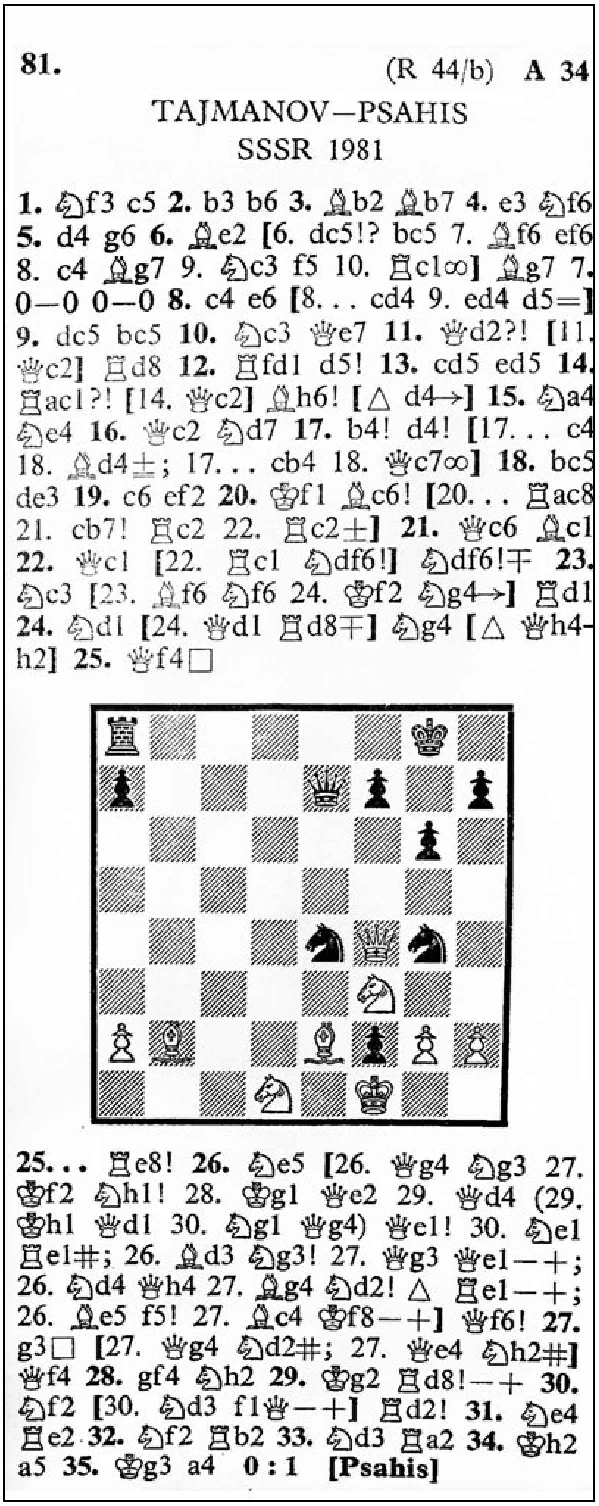
Avoiding 15...♘bd7? 16.♘xc5! ♘xc5 17.♗xf6, etc.

**16.♕c2**

As Psakhis noted later, 16.♕e1!? or even the optimistic 16.♕a5!? could have been considered here.

**16...♘d7 17.b4!?** An interesting try. On quieter play by White, Psakhis intended to continue 17...Rac8, with the idea of ...Nb6.

**17...d4!?** The critical response.



**81.** (R 44/b) **A 34**

TAJMANOV–PSAHIS
SSSR 1981

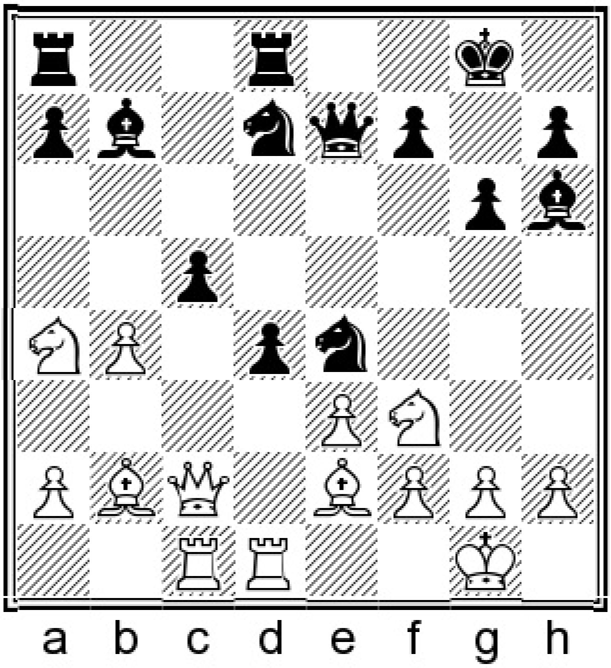
**1.** ♘f3 c5 **2.** b3 b6 **3.** ♗b2 ♗b7 **4.** e3 ♘f6 **5.** d4 g6 **6.** ♗e2 **[**6. dc5!? bc5 7. ♗f6 ef6 8. c4 ♗g7 9. ♘c3 f5 10. ♖c1∞**]** ♗g7 **7.** 0—0 0—0 **8.** c4 e6 **[**8. . . cd4 9. ed4 d5=**]** **9.** dc5 bc5 **10.** ♘c3 ♕e7 **11.** ♕d2?! **[**11. ♕c2**]** ♖d8 **12.** ♖fd1 d5! **13.** cd5 ed5 **14.** ♖ac1?! **[**14. ♕c2**]** ♗h6! **[**△ d4→**]** **15.** ♘a4 ♘e4 **16.** ♕c2 ♘d7 **17.** b4! d4! **[**17. . . c4 18. ♗d4±; 17. . . cb4 18. ♕c7∞**]** **18.** bc5 de3 **19.** c6 ef2 **20.** ♔f1 ♗c6! **[**20. . . ♖ac8 21. cb7! ♖c2 22. ♖c2±**]** **21.** ♕c6 ♗c1 **22.** ♕c1 **[**22. ♖c1 ♘df6!**]** ♘df6!∓ **23.** ♘c3 **[**23. ♗f6 ♘f6 24. ♔f2 ♘g4→**]** ♖d1 **24.** ♘d1 **[**24. ♕d1 ♖d8∓**]** ♘g4 **[**△ ♕h4-h2**]** **25.** ♕f4□

**25. . .** ♖e8! **26.** ♘e5 **[**26. ♕g4 ♘g3 27. ♔f2 ♘h1! 28. ♔g1 ♕e2 29. ♕d4 (29. ♔h1 ♕d1 30. ♘g1 ♕g4) ♕e1! 30. ♘e1 ♖e1#; 26. ♗d3 ♘g3! 27. ♕g3 ♕e1–+; 26. ♘d4 ♕h4 27. ♗g4 ♘d2! △ ♖e1–+; 26. ♗e5 f5! 27. ♗c4 ♔f8–+**]** ♕f6! **27.** g3□ **[**27. ♕g4 ♘d2#; 27. ♕e4 ♘h2#**]** ♕f4 **28.** gf4 ♘h2 **29.** ♔g2 ♖d8!–+ **30.** ♘f2 **[**30. ♘d3 f1♕–+**]** ♖d2! **31.** ♘e4 ♖e2 **32.** ♘f2 ♖b2 **33.** ♘d3 ♖a2 **34.** ♔h2 a5 **35.** ♔g3 a4 **0 : 1** **[Psahis]**

Of course, White would have been very happy after 17...c4 18.♗d4 ( 18...♕xb4? 19.♖b1 ), when the 'hanging pawns' would have been safely blockaded.

On 17...cxb4, Psakhis gives 18.♕c7 in his *Chess Informant* notes; later he considered that this is well met by 18...♘xf2! 19.♔xf2 ♗xe3+ 20.♔f1 ♖ab8! with dangerous threats.

Later, he suggested that after the quiet ( 17...cxb4 ) 18.♕d3!? White has definite positional compensation for the missing pawn.



**18.bxc5?!** White had to choose between the captures on c5 with the knight and with the pawn.

In *Chess Informant*, Psakhis makes no comment here, but later he indicated instead 18.♘xc5, although in the position arising from his main line, 18...♘dxc5 19.bxc5 dxe3 20.c6 exf2+ 21.♔f1 ♗xc1 22.cxb7 ♖xd1+ 23.♕xd1 ♖e8 24.b8=♕! (24.♗xc1? ♘c3; 24.♕xc1 ♘g3+ 25.♔xf2 ♘xe2 26.♕c4 ♕xb7) 24...♖xb8 25.♕xc1 ♕b4! he assesses White's prospects as "fairly bleak".

**18...dxe3?!** Psakhis writes that here he failed to follow the advice of grandmaster Kotov, and did not spend the necessary amount of time and effort looking for alternative "candidate moves". (Incidentally, he describes Kotov's method as being especially popular "in the West"!)

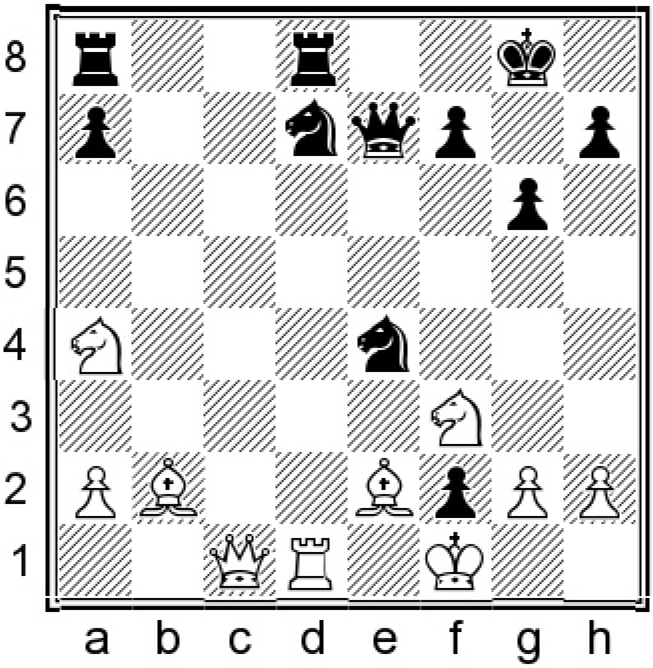
Had he done so, he may have settled on the stronger continuation 18...♘xf2! His analysis may be summarised as follows: 19.♔xf2 (19.exd4 ♘xd1; 19.c6!? ♘g4!; 19.♖f1 ♗e4!) 19...♗xe3+ 20.♔f1 ♘e5! 21.c6 (21.♗xd4 ♘g4!) 21...♘xf3 22.♗xf3 ♗a6+ 23.♖d3 ♖e8! 24.♖d1 (24.♘c5 ♕xc5!) 24...♕h4

25.g3 (25.h3 ♕f4) 25...♕h3+ 26.♕g2 ♕f5-+

**19.c6 exf2+ 20.♔f1 ♗xc6!?**

Psakhis was put off playing the obvious 20...♖ac8 on account of the possibility 21.cxb7! ♖xc2 22.♖xc2.

**21.♕xc6 ♗xc1 22.♕xc1** The dust has temporarily settled.



**22...♘df6!** Black brings up the reserves.

**23.♘c3!?** Returning the offside knight to the game.

After the simplifying attempt 23.♗xf6 ♘xf6 24.♖xd8+ (24.♔xf2 ♘g4+) 24...♖xd8 25.♕c5 ♕e6 Black would have stood somewhat better.

**23...♖xd1+** "After the serious mistake on the 18th move Black has run into serious problems in the struggle for the advantage. All of the weak squares around the white king are reliably defended and the chances may perhaps be assessed as approximately level" (Psakhis). However, White now went wrong.

**24.♘xd1?** Perhaps understandably, the Leningrad grandmaster strives to bring the sensitive e3-square under control. However, the text move is a mistake.

After 24.♕xd1 Psakhis later indicated the possibility 24...♘g4!? His main line runs (Rather than 24...♖d8, as given in *Informant*.) 25.♘d5 (25.♕d4? ♘e3+!) 25...♕b4 (!) 26.♗c1 ♕a5! 27.♗f4 (27.♗c4 ♖d8) 27...♖d8 28.♘e7+ ♔g7 29.♕c1 ♕c3!, when his analysis continues to a drawn endgame.

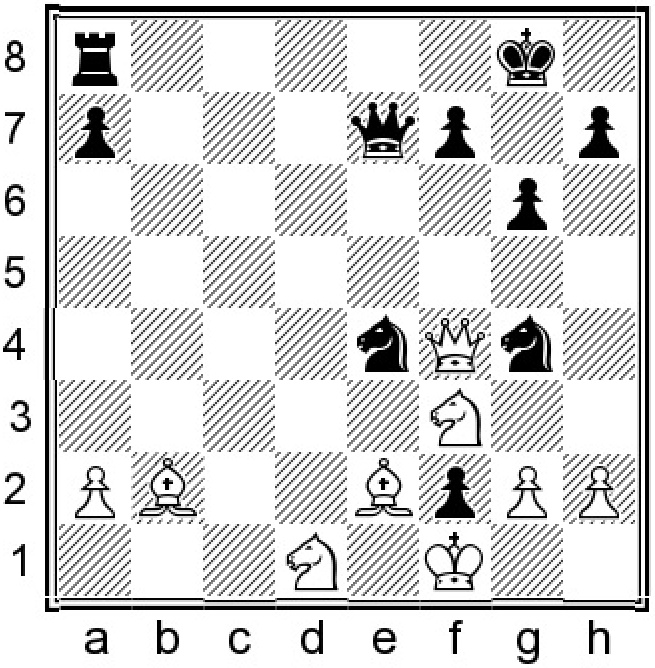
Also possible was 24.♗xd1 After the move in the text, however, Black is back on top.

**24...♘g4!** With the terrible threat of ...Qh4! (or ...Qd6) and then ...Qh2!.

**25.♕f4**

On 25.♗d3 Black prettily with 25...♕d6! 26.♕c2 (26.♗xe4 ♕a6+) 26...♕xh2! 27.♘xf2 ♘g3+ 28.♔e1 ♖e8+, etc.

On 25.g3, to give the king some breathing space, Psakhis later indicated the following line: 25...♕e6!? 26.♔g2 ♖c8 27.♕f4 ♘xg3! 28.♗d3 (28.♕d4 f6) 28...f1=♕+ 29.♗xf1 ♘xf1 30.♔xf1 ♕d5, with a winning advantage for Black.



**25...♖e8!** "This move demanded from me a fair amount of time and effort: having found it, for a long time I simply could not believe my eyes!" (Psakhis).

**26.♘e5**

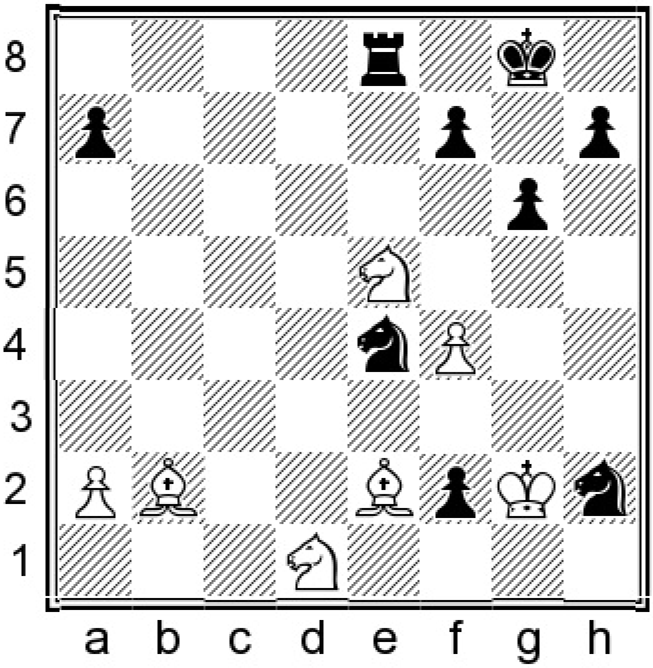
As Psakhis pointed out in *Informant*, the capture 26.♕xg4 leads to a truly remarkable mate after 26...♘g3+ 27.♔xf2 ♘h1+! 28.♔g1 ♕xe2 29.♕d4! (29.♔xh1 ♕xd1+ 30.♘g1 ♕xg4) 29...♕e1+! 30.♘xe1 ♖xe1#

"Frankly speaking, such a mating construction: knight on h1 and rook (or queen) on the back rank, I have simply never encountered!" (Psakhis).

White simply has no defence against the numerous threats. For instance: 26.♗d3 ♘g3+! 27.♕xg3 ♕e1+-+, 26.♘d4 ♕h4! 27.♗xg4 ♘d2+! 28.♕xd2 ♖e1+ or 26.♗e5 ♘ef6!

**26...♕f6!** "A simple combination on the theme of deflection" (Psakhis). The white queen cannot take either black knight on account of an immediate mate delivered by the remaining one! White's reply is forced.

**27.g3 ♕xf4 28.gxf4 ♘xh2+ 29.♔g2**



**29...♖d8!-+** "A final accurate move" (Psakhis).

**30.♘xf2**

Alternatively: 30.♘d3 f1=♕+-+ or 30.♔xh2 ♖xd1 31.♔g2 ♖d2 32.♗d3 f1=♕+! 33.♔xf1 ♘g3+ and 34...Rb2

**30...♖d2! 31.♘xe4 ♖xe2+ 32.♘f2 ♖xb2 33.♘d3 ♖xa2 34.♔xh2 a5 35.♔g3 a4** and White resigned. **0-1**

"I am very fond of this game" (Psakhis). And no wonder!

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**A** — R ⌟ 1. d4, 1. e4
— 1. d4 R ⌟ 1... ♘f6, 1... d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 R ⌟ 2. c4
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 R ⌟ 2... e6, 2... g6

**B** — 1. e4 R ⌟ 1... c5, 1... e6, 1... e5
— 1. e4 c5

**C** — 1. e4 e6
— 1. e4 e5

**D** — 1. d4 d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ∟ 3... d5

**E** — 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ⌟ 3... d5

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**1. * A07**
**Giri, Anish (2772) - Shankland, Samuel L (2708)**
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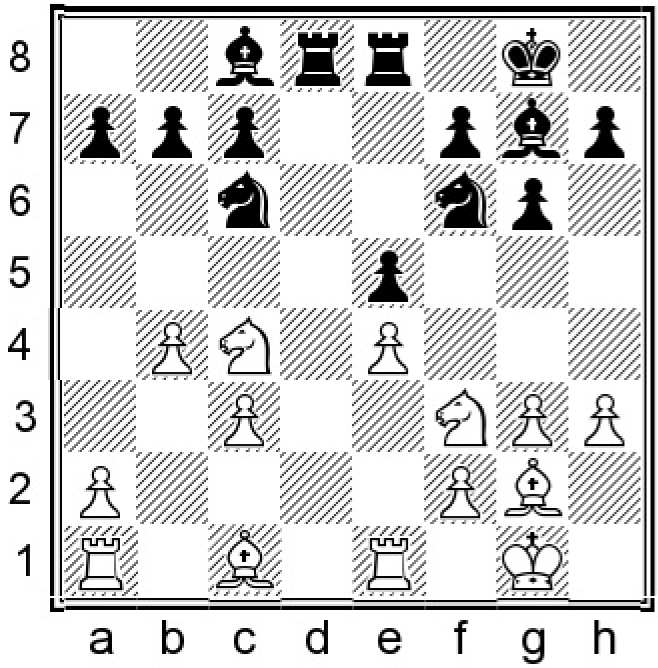
**1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.O-O e5 5.d3 ♘c6**

5...♘e7 - 123/25

**6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 ♕xd1 8.♖xd1 ♗g4 9.c3 ♘f6 10.♘bd2 O-O-O** - 151/1

10...O-ON 11.♖e1 ♖ad8 12.♘c4 ♖fe8 13.h3 ♗c8 14.b4



14...b5?! (14...♖d3! 15.♗b2 ♗e6 16.♘fxe5 ♘xe5 17.♘xe5 ♖d2⇄) 15.♘b2 a5 16.a4 axb4 17.axb5 bxc3 18.bxc6 cxb2 19.♗xb2 ♖d6 20.♘xe5 ♘h5 (20...♖ed8 21.♖a8 ♘e8 22.♗f1±) 21.♖a8 ♗d7 (21...♖de6±) 22.♖ea1+- ♗c8 23.♖1a7 1-0 (23) Giri, A (2772) -Ding,L (2799) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/(1) 2022

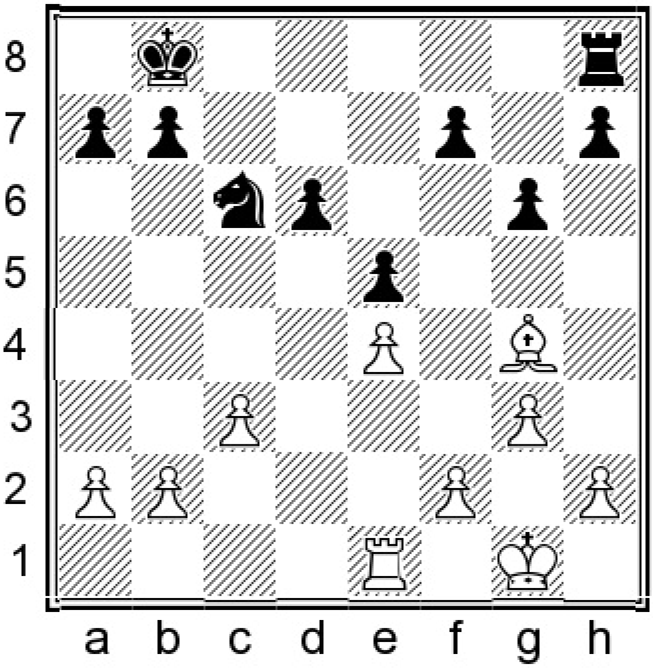
**11.♖e1 ♗h6N**

11...♘e8

**12.♘c4± ♗xc1 13.♖axc1 ♗xf3**

13...♖he8 14.♘g5! (14.b4 h6 15.a4±) 14...♖e7 15.♘e3 h6 16.♘xg4 (16.♘h7!? ♘xh7 17.♘xg4 h5 18.♘e3±) 16...♘xg4 17.♗h3 hxg5 18.♗xg4+ ♔b8 19.♖cd1 ♖ee8 20.♔g2±

**14.♗xf3 ♘e8 15.♖cd1 ♘d6 16.♗g4+ ♔b8 17.♘xd6 ♖xd6 18.♖xd6 cxd6**



**19.♖e3!**

19.♗e2 ♔c7 20.♗c4 f5 21.♔g2 ♖f8=

**19...♔c7?!**

19...h5 20.♗e2 f5 21.h4 ♔c7 22.♗d3 ♘e7 23.♖e1 ♖f8 24.a4 f4=

**20.♖f3± ♘d8 21.h4 d5**

21...♖f8 22.♖f6±

**22.exd5 f5 23.♗h3 ♔d6 24.c4 b6 25.g4! ♘f7**

25...fxg4 26.♗xg4 ♖e8 27.♔g2+-

**26.gxf5 g5 27.♖a3 gxh4 28.♖xa7 ♘g5 29.♔g2 ♖c8 30.b3 b5 31.♖a6+ ♔d7 32.f6+ ♘xh3 33.♔xh3 bxc4 34.♖c6 1-0**

**2. A09**
**Dardha, Daniel (2541) - Beerdsen, Thomas (2508)**
**Cappelle-la-Grande 151/2, 2022**

**1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.♕b3**

4.h3 - 130/5

**4...♗g7 5.♘xg5 h6N**

5...e5

**6.♘f3 e5 7.d3 ♘e7**

7...a5 8.b5 a4 9.♕a3 ♘e7 10.g3 O-O 11.♗g2 ♘g6 12.O-O f5 13.♘bd2 ♖e8 14.♖b1±

**8.♘bd2 ♗e6**

8...O-O 9.g3 ♗e6 10.♗g2 ♘d7 11.a4!± (11.O-O b5!?)

**9.♗b2 ♘d7**

9...b5!? 10.g3 ♘bc6 11.♗g2 ♖b8±

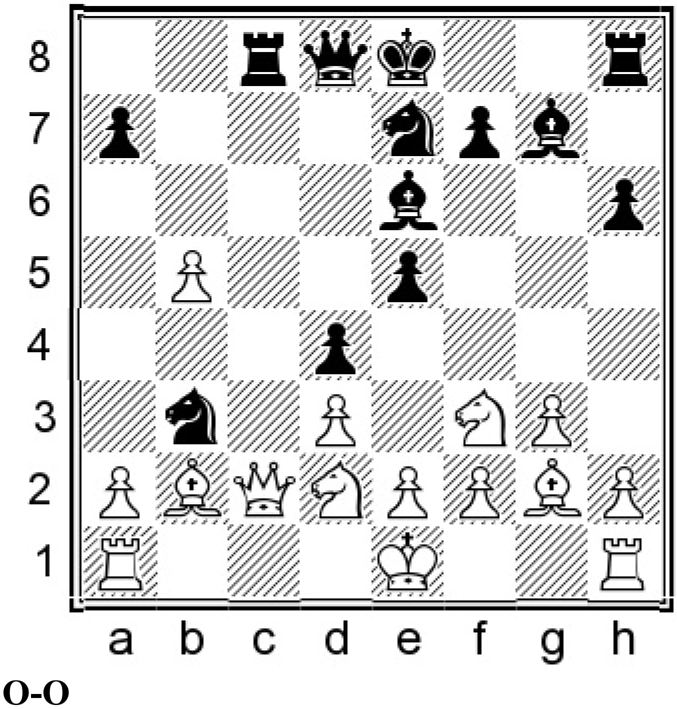
**10.g3 b5 11.♕c2 c5**

11...♖b8 12.c5 (12.♗g2 c5 13.bxc5 bxc4 14.♘xc4 (14.c6 ♘xc6! 15.♘xc4 e4 16.dxe4 O-O 17.O-O ♘b4⇄) 14...♗xc4 15.c6! ♘xc6 16.♕xc4 e4 (16...♕a5+ 17.♔f1 ♖xb2 18.♕xc6 ♕c5 19.♘h4!?±) 17.♘xd4 ♘xd4 18.♗xd4 ♕a5+ 19.♔f1 ♖b4 20.♗xg7 ♖xc4 21.dxc4 ♖h7 22.♗d4 f5⇄) 12...O-O 13.♗g2 ♘d5 14.a3±

**12.bxc5 ♘xc5 13.cxb5**

13.♗g2 ♖c8 14.O-O ♘a4 15.♗a3 ♘c3 16.e3

**13...♖c8 14.♗g2 ♘b3**



**15.♕xc8! ♘xc8 16.axb3 O-O**

⌓16...♘d6 17.O-O ♘xb5 18.♗a3! a5 19.♘c4 e4 20.♘fd2 ♘xa3 21.♖xa3 e3 22.♘e4 ♗xc4 23.bxc4 ♗f8 24.c5! f5 25.♘d6+ ♗xd6 26.cxd6 exf2+ 27.♖xf2 O-O 28.♖f4 ♕e8 29.♗f3 ♕e5 30.♖a4±

**17.♗a3± ♖e8 18.♗c5 ♕d7 19.O-O ♕xb5 20.♖fc1 ♕b8 21.b4 ♗d5 22.♘h4**

22.♖a5 ♕b7 23.♘e4 ♗xe4 24.dxe4 ♗f6 25.♘e1±

**22...♗xg2 23.♔xg2 ♕b7+ 24.f3 ♘b6 25.♗xb6**

25.♘f5+-

**25...♕xb6 26.♘e4+- ♖a8 27.♖c4 ♗f8**

27...a5 28.♖a4! ♕b5 29.bxa5 ♖xa5 30.♖ab4 ♕a6 31.g4

**28.♖ac1 ♕d8 29.♘f5 ♖b8 30.♖c7 ♖b6 31.♖c8 ♕d7 32.g4 ♖g6 33.♔f2 a5 34.♖1c7 1-0**

**3. A10**
**Petrosyan, Manuel (2620) - Shahinyan, David (2486)**
**Armenia (ch) 151/3, 2022**

**1.♘f3 e6 2.g3 f5 3.♗g2 ♘f6 4.O-O d5 5.c4 ♗e7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3**

7.b3 - 54/5

**7...c6 8.b3 a5N**

8...♘e4 9.♗b2 ♗f6 10.♘c3 ♘xc3 11.♗xc3 ♗xc3 12.dxc3 O-O 13.♕c2 ♕f6 14.c4±

**9.♘c3 ♘a6**

9...O-O 10.a3 ♘a6 11.♗b2 ♘c5 12.♕c2 ♕b6 13.♘d4 ♘fe4 14.♘ce2±

**10.d3 ♘c5 11.♘e2 O-O 12.♕c2 ♘e6 13.a3 ♕e8 14.♘f4 ♗d6 15.♗b2 ♕e7 16.♖fe1 ♗d7 17.♕c1 ♖ac8 18.♗c3 ♘c5**

18...♖a8 19.♘xe6 ♗xe6 20.♕b2 ♘d7 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 ♘b6 23.♗d4 ♘d7 24.♖eb1 ♖xa1 25.♖xa1 ♗xb4 26.♘g5±

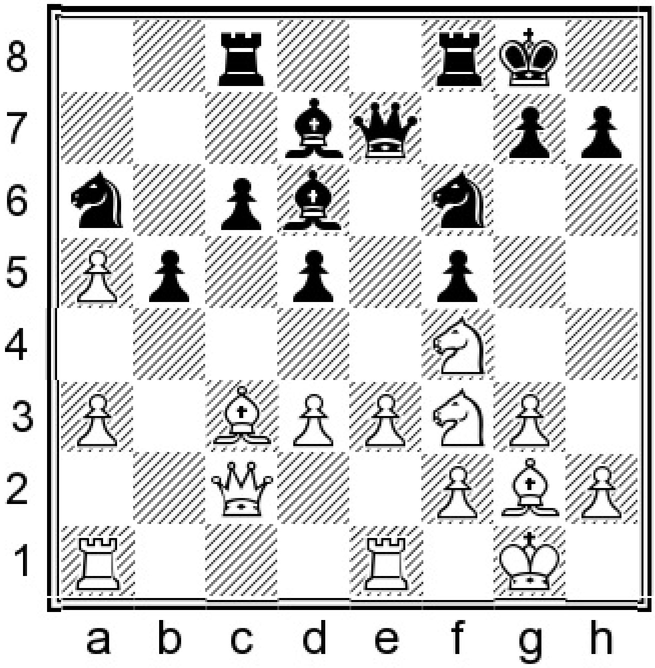
**19.♕c2 b6**

19...♘e6 20.♗xa5 ♗xa3 21.b4 ♗xb4 22.♗xb4 ♕xb4 23.♖eb1 ♕c5 24.♕xc5 ♘xc5 25.d4 ♘e6 26.♖xb7±

**20.b4 ♘a6**

20...♘e6 21.bxa5 bxa5 22.♗xa5 ♗xa3 23.♘e5 ♗d6 24.♗c3±

**21.bxa5 b5**



**22.♕a2! ♔h8 23.h4 ♘g4 24.h5**

24.♘g5 ♖ce8 25.♕b2 ♘c5 26.♗b4 ♘a4 27.♕b3 c5 28.♗d2 c4 29.♕c2 ♗xa3 30.♘xd5+-

**24...♖ce8 25.♗h3 ♘h6 26.♖ac1 ♕f7 27.♕b2**

27.d4 ♗xf4 28.exf4 ♕xh5 29.♗g2 ♘g4 30.♗b4 ♖g8 31.♖xe8 ♖xe8 32.♘e5±

**27...♕e7 28.♕a2 ♕f7 29.♖cd1 c5 30.♕xd5**

30.d4 ♗xf4 31.exf4 c4 32.♘e5 ♕xh5 33.♘xd7 ♕xh3 34.♘xf8 ♖xf8 35.♖e7+-

**30...♕xd5 31.♘xd5 ♗c6 32.e4 fxe4 33.♘g5 exd3 34.♖xe8**

34.♖e6 ♖xe6 35.♘xe6 ♖g8 36.♘f6!+-

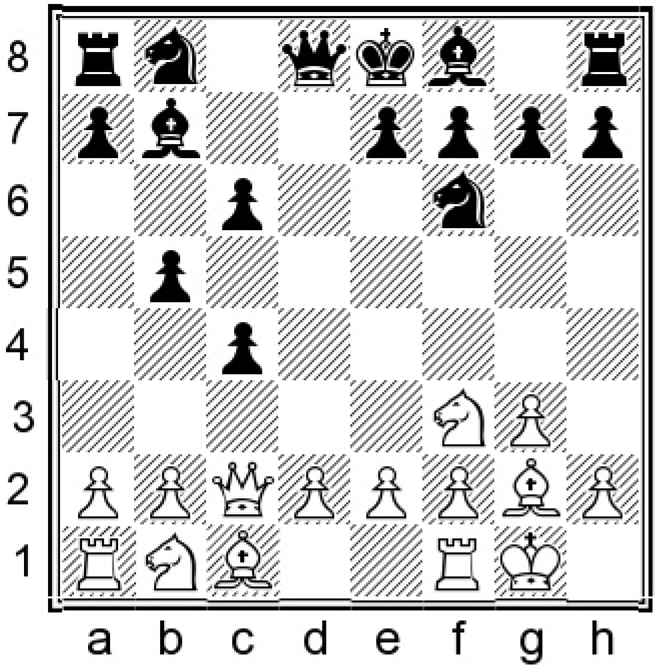
**34...♖xe8 35.♖xd3 ♗e5 36.♗xe5 ♖xe5 37.♘e3 b4 38.♖d6 ♗e8 39.♖xa6 bxa3 40.♖e6 a2 41.♘c2 1-0**

**4. A11**
**Warmerdam, Max (2607) - L'Ami, Erwin (2622)**
**Wijk aan Zee II 151/4, 2022**

**1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 ♘f6 4.♗g2 dxc4 5.♕c2 b5 6.O-O**

6.b3 - 104/(1)

**6...♗b7**



**7.♘e1!?N**

7.b3

**7...e6**

7...♘a6 8.a3 ♘c5 9.d3 ♘b3 (9...cxd3 10.♘xd3 ♘xd3 11.♗xc6+ (11.♖d1 ♕b6 12.♕xd3 ♖d8 13.♕xd8+ ♕xd8 14.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 15.a4! a6 16.axb5 axb5 17.♘c3 ♔c8 18.♗f4=∞) 11...♗xc6 12.♕xc6+ ♘d7 13.exd3 g6 (13...e6 14.d4→) 14.♘c3 ♗g7 15.♗f4 O-O 16.♕xb5 a6 17.♕c4 ♘e5 18.♗xe5 ♗xe5 19.♖ac1±)

**8.d3 cxd3 9.♘xd3 ♗e7**

9...♘bd7 10.a4 ♖c8 11.♗e3 (11.♖d1=∞) 11...a6 12.b4=∞

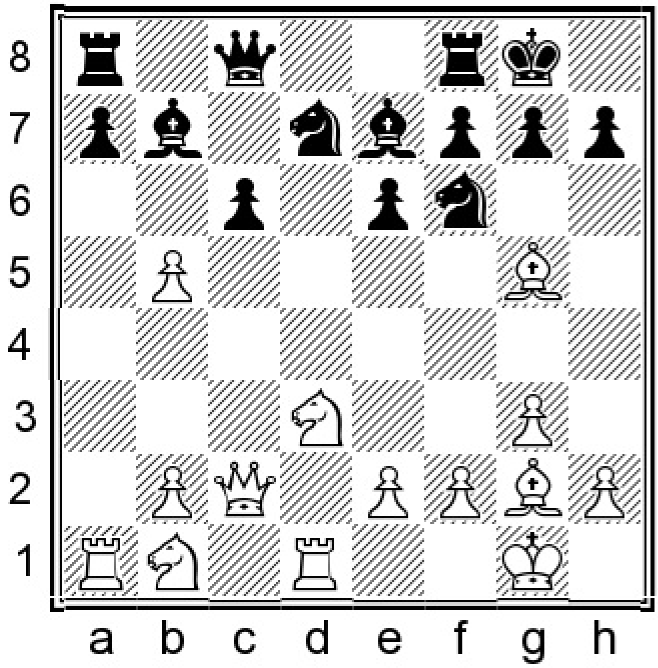
**10.♖d1 O-O 11.a4 ♕c8**

11...b4 12.♘d2 ♘bd7 13.♘c4 ♖c8 14.♘de5 ♘d5 15.e4±

**12.♗g5**

12.axb5 a6!? 13.bxc6 ♗xc6=

**12...♘bd7 13.axb5**



**13...c5!∞ 14.♗xb7 ♕xb7 15.♕a4 ♖fc8 16.♘d2 h6 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♖dc1 ♖cb8 19.♘e4 ♕xb5**

⌓19...♗e7 20.♘dxc5 ♘xc5 21.♘xc5 ♕xb5 22.♘d3 ♕xa4 23.♖xa4 ♗d8!=

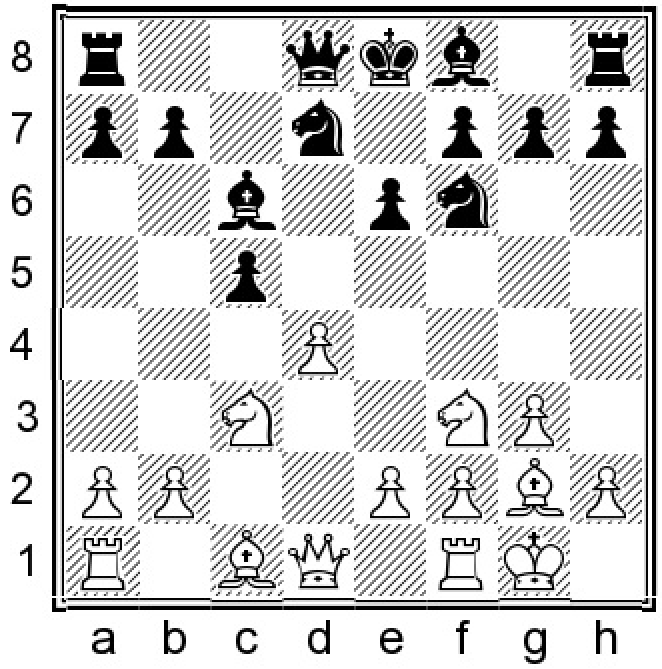
**20.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 21.♖xc5± ♕xa4 22.♖xa4 ♖b7 23.♖ca5 ♘d7 24.f4 ♘b6 25.♖a2 g6 26.♔f2 ♘d5 27.♖2a4 h5 28.♔f3 ♔g7 29.h3 ♘b6 30.♖a2 ♘d5 31.♖2a4 ♘b6 32.♖a2 ♘d5 33.♖5a4 ♘b6 34.♖a6 ♘d5 35.♖2a4 ♘b6 36.♖a2 ♘d5 37.♖2a4 ♘b6 38.♖a1 ♘d5 39.♖6a4 ♘b6 40.♖a6 ♘d5 41.♖6a4 ♘b6 42.♖4a2**

42.♖b4 ♖ab8 43.♖b5 ♘d5 44.♖xb7 ♖xb7 45.♖a4±

**42...♘d5 43.♖a5 ♘b4 44.♘xb4 ♖xb4 45.♖xa7 ♖xa7 46.♖xa7 ♖xb2 1/2-1/2**

**5. A11**
**Artemiev, Vladislav (2700) - Le, Quang Liem (2709)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/5, 2022**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 c6 3.♗g2 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g4 5.♘e5 ♗e6 6.cxd5 ♗xd5 7.♘f3 c5 8.♘c3 ♗c6 9.O-O e6 10.d4 ♘bd7**



**11.e4!?**

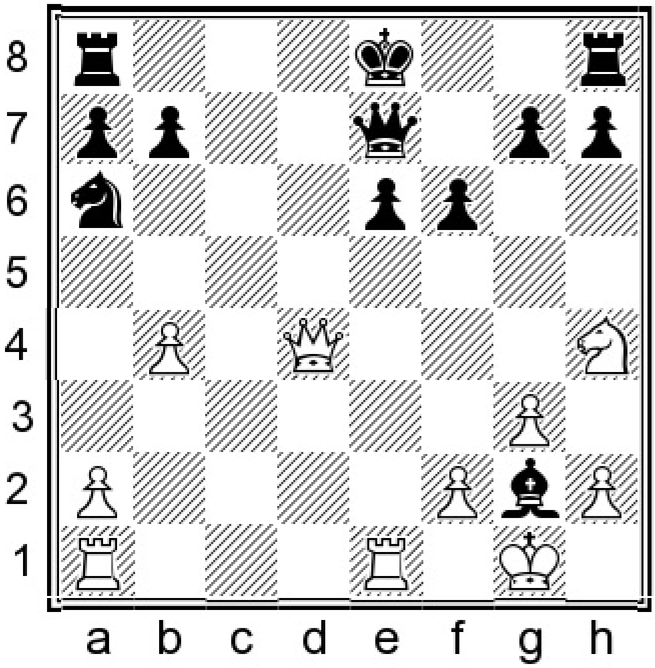
11.♘g5 - 58/(8)

**11...♘xe4 12.♘xe4 ♗xe4 13.♖e1 ♗d5**

13...♗xf3 14.♕xf3 (14.♗xf3!? cxd4 15.♕xd4 ♕f6 (15...♕b6 16.♗e3! ♕xd4 17.♗xd4 ♗b4 18.♗xg7 ♖g8 19.♖e4±) 16.♕xf6 gxf6 17.♗xb7 ♖b8 18.♗c6 ♖b6 19.♗g2 ♗c5 20.♖e2! ♔e7 21.♖c2 ♗d4 22.♖b1 ♖hb8 23.b3 a5 24.♗a3+±) 14...cxd4 15.♕xb7 ♖b8 16.♕xa7 ♗c5 17.♕a6 O-O 18.a3 ♗e7 19.b4 ♗f6 20.♗f4! e5 21.♗d2 ♗g5 22.♕d3±

**14.dxc5 ♗e7**

14...♘xc5 15.b4! ♘e4 (15...♘a6 16.♗g5 ♗e7 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♕d4 f6 19.♘h4 ♗xg2



20.♘f5! e5 21.♔xg2 ♕f7 22.♖xe5+! fxe5 23.♕xe5+ ♔f8 24.♕d6+ ♔g8 25.♘e7+ ♔f8 26.♘g6+ ♔g8 27.♘e5+-) 16.♘e5±

**15.b4 O-O 16.♗b2 a5 17.a3 b6**

17...axb4 18.axb4 b6

**18.♘d4! ♗xg2 19.♔xg2 axb4N**

19...bxc5

**20.♘c6!± ♕e8 21.axb4 ♖xa1 22.♕xa1 ♗f6 23.♗xf6**

23.cxb6 ♗xb2 24.♕xb2 ♘xb6 25.b5 ♕d7 26.♖a1 ♕d5+±

**23...♘xf6! 24.b5**

24.♕a4 bxc5 25.b5 ♕d7 26.♖c1 ♕d5+±

**24...bxc5 25.♕a7 ♘d5 26.♖a1 f6 27.♕xc5+- ♕h5**

27...♖f7 28.b6 ♖b7 29.♖a6 h5 30.♘a5

**28.♔g1 ♕e2 29.♘d4 ♕b2 30.♖e1**

30.♖d1 ♕c3 31.♕d6

**30...♕c3 31.♕xc3 ♘xc3 32.♖xe6 ♖b8 33.♖e3! ♘d5 34.♖a3 ♖b7 35.♔f1 ♘c7 36.♖b3 ♔f7 37.♔e2 g6 38.♔d3 ♔e7 39.♔c4 ♔d6 40.♖d3 ♔e5 41.♖e3+ ♔d6 42.♖d3 ♔e5 43.♔c5 ♘e6+ 44.♘xe6 ♔xe6 45.b6 1-0**

**6. A13**
**Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2627) - Maurizzi, Marc Andria (2502)**

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**1.♘f3 d5 2.e3 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.b3 O-O 6.♗b2 c5 7.cxd5 exd5**

7...♘xd5 - 140/2

**8.d4 ♘c6 9.♗e2 ♘e4 10.dxc5**

10.O-O ♗f6 11.♘a4 ♗g4 12.h3 ♗xf3 13.gxf3 ♘g5 14.♘xc5 ♘xh3+ 15.♔g2 ♗xd4 16.♗xd4 ♕g5+ 17.♔xh3 ♕h5+ 18.♔g3 ♕g5+ 19.♔h3 ♕h5+ 20.♔g3 ♕g5+ 21.♔h3=

**10...♕a5 11.♖c1 ♗f6 12.♘d4 ♘xc5 13.♘xc6 bxc6 14.O-O ♘e4 15.♕c2**

15.♘xe4 ♗xb2 16.♖c2 ♗a3=

**15...♗xc3 16.♗xc3 ♘xc3 17.♕xc3 ♕xa2 18.♖c2 ♕a3 19.♖a1 ♕e7 20.♕xc6 ♗e6 21.♕c5 ♕b7N**

21...♕xc5

**22.♕d4 ♕b6**

⌓22...♖ab8 23.♖c3 ♕b4 24.♕xb4 ♖xb4 25.♖d3 ♖a8 26.♗f3 ♖b5±

**23.b4 ♕xd4**

23...♖fc8 24.♖xc8+ (24.♖c5±) 24...♖xc8 25.f3 ♖c7 26.♔f2 ♔f8 27.b5 ♕xd4 28.exd4±

**24.exd4 ♖fb8 25.b5 ♖b7 26.♗d3 g5**

26...♖c8 27.♖c5 ♔f8 28.h4±

**27.g3 ♖e8 28.♖e1 ♖d8**

28...g4 29.♖c5 (29.♖ec1 ♖eb8 30.♖c7 ♖xb5 31.♗xb5 ♖xb5 32.♖d1 ♖b4) 29...♔g7 30.♔g2 ♖be7 31.♖e3±

**29.♖e5 h6 30.f4 gxf4 31.gxf4 ♖d6 32.f5**

32.♖c6 ♖b6 33.♖c7 ♗d7 34.♖c5 ♔g7 (34...♖f6 35.♖cxd5 ♖bd6 36.f5 ♔f8 37.♔f2 ♖xd5 38.♖xd5 ♔e7 39.♖e5+ ♔d8 40.♔e3 ♖b6 41.♖c5 f6 42.♔e4 h5 43.♖c3 ♔e8 (43...♗xb5 44.♗xb5 ♖xb5 45.♖h3+-) 44.♖c7 ♗xb5 45.♗xb5+ ♖xb5 46.♖xa7 ♖b2 47.♔d5 ♖b5+ 48.♔d6 ♖b6+ 49.♔c5 ♖b2 50.h4 ♖h2 51.d5 ♖xh4 52.♔c6+-; 34...♔f8 35.♔f2 f6 36.♖exd5 ♖xd5 37.♖xd5 ♔e7 38.♖c5 ♖b8 39.♔e3 ♗e8 40.♔e4 ♔d6 41.♗c4 ♗d7 42.♖d5+ ♔e7 43.♖h5 ♖h8 44.f5 ♖c8 45.♗d3 ♖h8 46.♖h4 h5 47.♔d5 ♖d8 48.♔c5 ♖c8+ 49.♔b4 ♖h8 50.♖h3 ♔d6 51.♗c4 ♖b8 52.♖a3) 35.♔f2 ♖f6 36.f5 ♖fd6 37.♖exd5 ♖xd5 38.♖xd5 ♖b7 39.♔f3 ♔f6 40.♖e5 ♖c7 41.♖c5 ♖b7 42.♔e4 ♔e7 43.h4 f6 44.♖c1 ♔d6 45.♖a1 ♗c8 46.♖a6+ ♖b6 47.♖xa7+-

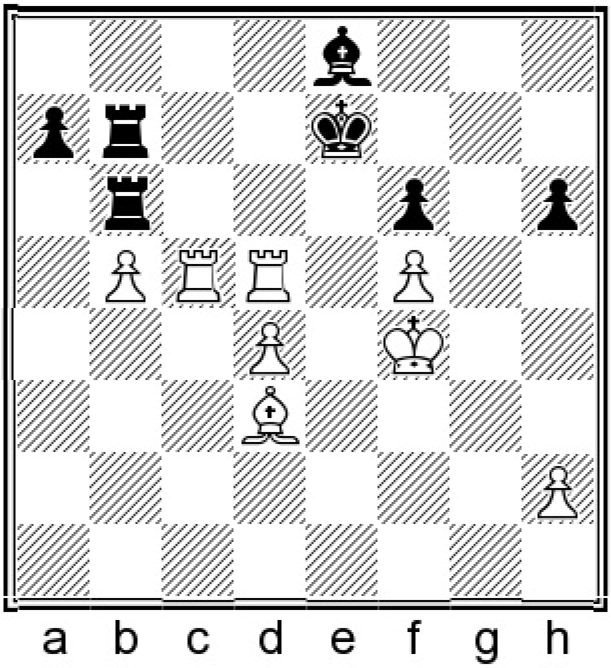
**32...♗d7 33.♖c5 ♔f8 34.♔f2 f6 35.♖exd5 ♖db6**

35...♖xd5 36.♖xd5 ♔e7 37.♔e3 ♖c7 38.♔e4 ♖c8 39.h3 ♖g8 40.♖c5±

**36.♔g3**

36.♗e2 ♗e8 37.♔g3 ♔e7 38.♖c3 ♗xb5 39.♖e3+ ♔f7 40.♗h5+ ♔g7 41.♖d8 ♗c4 42.d5 ♖b3 43.♔f4 ♖xe3 44.♔xe3 a5 45.♔d4 ♗b3 46.♖a8 ♖d7 47.♖xa5+-

**36...♔e7 37.♔f4 ♗e8**



37...h5 38.♗e2 h4 39.h3 ♗e8 40.♖c3 ♗xb5 41.♖e3+ ♔f8 42.♖d8+±

**38.♖c1!+- ♖d6**

38...♗xb5 39.♗xb5 ♖xb5 40.♖xb5 ♖xb5 41.♖c7+ ♔f8 42.♖xa7 ♖b3 (42...♖b2 43.h3 ♖b4 44.♔e4 ♖b3 45.♔d5 ♖b5+ 46.♔c6 ♖xf5 47.♖a3 ♔e8 48.d5 ♖f2 49.♖a8+ ♔f7 50.d6 ♖c2+ 51.♔d7 ♖c3 52.h4 f5 53.♖c8 ♖a3 54.♔c7 ♖c3+ 55.♔d8 ♖d3 56.d7 f4 57.♔c7+-) 43.♔e4 h5 44.♖c7 ♖h3 45.♔d5 ♖h4 46.♖c8+ ♔f7 47.♖c2 ♖f4 48.♖c7+ ♔f8 49.♖h7 ♖h4 50.h3 ♔g8 51.♖c7 ♔f8 52.♖c3 ♖f4 53.♔c5 ♖xf5+ 54.d5 ♔e8 55.♔d6+-

**39.♖e1+ 1-0**

**7. A13**
**Iturrizaga Bonelli, Eduardo (2595) - Huschenbeth, Niclas (2611)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 151/7, 2022**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 e6 3.♗g2 d5 4.♘f3 d4 5.O-O c5 6.e3 ♘c6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 h6 9.♖e1 ♗d6 10.♘a3 O-O 11.♘c2 a5 12.a3 e5 13.♖b1 a4 14.♘b4**

14.b4 - 141/6

**14...♖e8 15.♘d5 ♗f5N**

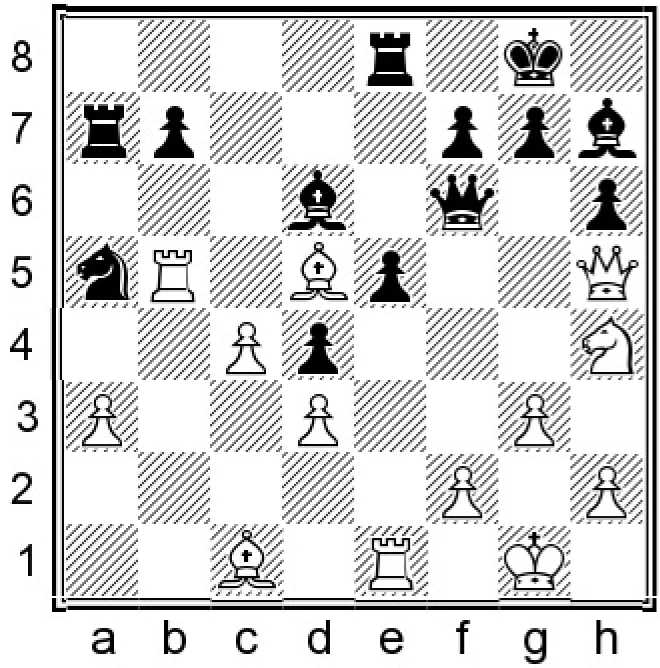
15...♘xd5; 15...♗g4 16.h3 ♗h5 17.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 18.b4 axb3 19.♖xb3 ♖a7 20.g4 ♗g6 21.h4⇄

**16.♘h4 ♗h7 17.b3 axb3 18.♖xb3 ♘xd5**

18...♘d7?! 19.♗xh6! (19.♕g4 ♖e6!⇄) 19...♘c5 (19...gxh6 20.♕g4+ ♔h8 21.♖xb7 ♘cb8 22.♗e4→) 20.♕g4 ♗f8 21.♗e4 ♘xb3 22.♗g5+- Δ♕d6 23.♘f6+ ♕xf6 24.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 25.♗xf6 gxf6 26.♕f5+ ♔g8 27.♖e4 ♗g7 28.♖g4 ♖e6 29.♕e4 ♘c5 30.♕d5

**19.♗xd5 ♘a5 20.♖b5± ♖a7 21.♕h5 b6**

21...♕f6

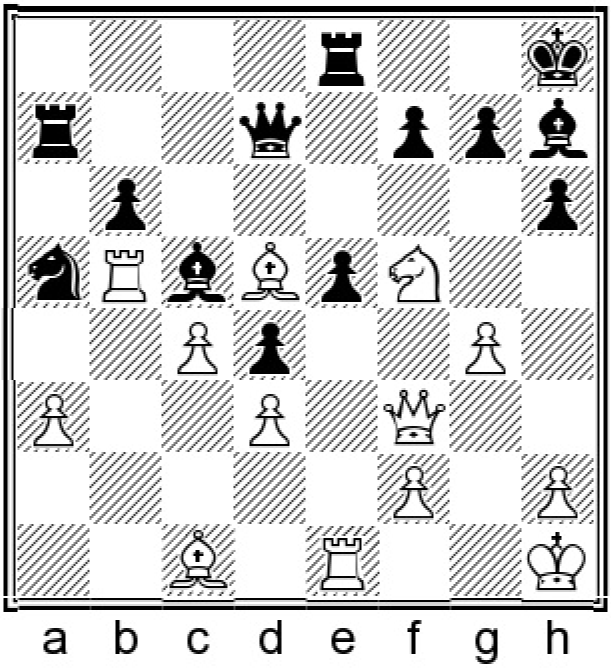


22.g4! ♗xd3 23.g5 g6 24.♕g4 hxg5 25.♗xg5 ♗f5 26.♕g3+-

**22.♘f5 ♗f8 23.♕f3 ♕d7 24.g4 ♗c5 25.♔h1!**

25.♗d2!? ♗xa3? 26.♖xb6+-

**25...♔h8**



**26.♘xh6!+-**

26.♗d2 ♗g6 27.♖eb1 ♖c8 28.♕h3!+- Δ♔g8 29.♘xg7! ♔xg7 30.♕xh6+ ♔g8 31.♕xg6+

**26...gxh6 27.♕f6+ ♔g8 28.♗xh6 ♗f8 29.♕g5+ ♔h8 30.♗xf8 ♖xf8 31.♕f6+ ♔g8 32.♖xe5 1-0**

**8. ** A13**
**Lalith, Babu MR (2563) - Nagy, Gabor (2530)**
**Budapest 151/8, 2022**

**1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 d5 3.♗g2 c5 4.O-O e6 5.c4 d4 6.e3 ♘c6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 h6 9.♖e1 ♗e7**

9...♗d6 - 141/6

**10.♘a3 O-O 11.♗f4!?**

11.♘c2

**11...♘d7** - 151/(8)

11...a6?!N 12.♘e5 ♗d7 13.♘c2 ♖c8 14.♕e2 b5 15.♘xc6 ♗xc6 16.♗xc6 ♖xc6 17.♗e5 bxc4 18.♘xd4 ♖c8 19.dxc4 ♘d7 20.♗f4 ♗f6 21.♘b3± Merzliakov,A-Haemmerle,D corr 151/(8) 2020; 11...♘h5?! 12.♗d2±; 11...♗d6 12.♗xd6 ♕xd6 13.♕e2 a6 (13...♖e8?! 14.♘b5 ♕d8 15.♘e5±) 14.♘e5 ♗d7 15.f4 ♖fd8 16.♘c2±

**12.♘b5 ♘c5N**

12...♗b4 - 151/(8) 13.♗c7 ♕e7 14.a3 ♗xe1 15.♕xe1 ♕f6 16.♗d6 ♖d8 17.b4 b6 18.♗c7 (18.♘c7) 18...♗b7 19.♗xd8 ♖xd8= Stefanov,D-Davidov,A corr 151/(8) 2020

**13.♗c7!**

13.b4!? ♘xb4 14.♗c7 ♕e8 15.♘e5 f6 16.♘d6! ♕a4 17.♘g6±

**13...♕d7 14.♘e5 ♘xe5**

14...♕e8 15.♘d6 ♗xd6 16.♗xd6 ♘xe5 17.♗xc5+-

**15.♗xe5 a6 16.♘c7±**

16.♘xd4?! f6 17.♘xe6 ♘xe6 18.♗c3=∞

**16...♖a7 17.b4 ♗d6**

17...b6 18.bxc5 ♗xc5 19.♘xe6 fxe6 20.♖b1 ♗b7 21.a4 ♗xg2 22.♔xg2 ♕c6+ 23.♔g1±

**18.bxc5 ♗xc7 19.♕b3 ♖a8 20.♗xb7**

20.♗xc7 ♕xc7 21.♕b6 ♕xb6 22.cxb6 ♖b8 23.♖e4 ♖d8 24.f4±

**20...♗xb7 21.♕xb7 ♖fc8 22.♖e4**

22.♖ab1 ♕d8 23.♖b3 ♗xe5 24.♖xe5 ♕a5 25.♔g2 ♕xa2 26.c6 ♔h7 27.♖c5+-

**22...♖ab8 23.♕xa6 ♗xe5 24.♖xe5 ♖c6 25.♕a5 ♕c8 26.♕d2 f6 27.♖ee1 ♖a6**

27...♖xc5 28.a4 ♖a8 29.a5 ♕a6 30.♕e2 e5 31.♖eb1 ♖xa5 32.♖xa5 ♕xa5 33.♖b7 ♕a6 34.♕e4±

**28.♖eb1 ♖xb1+ 29.♖xb1 ♕xc5 30.♖b7 ♔h7 31.♕f4**

31.♕e2 ♕c6 32.♖b5 ♕a8 33.♖b2 e5 34.h4±

**31...f5 32.♕d2**

32.♖c7 ♕d6 33.♕xd6 ♖xd6 34.♖a7 ♖b6 35.♖d7 ♔g6 36.♖xd4 ♖a6 37.c5 ♖xa2 38.c6+-

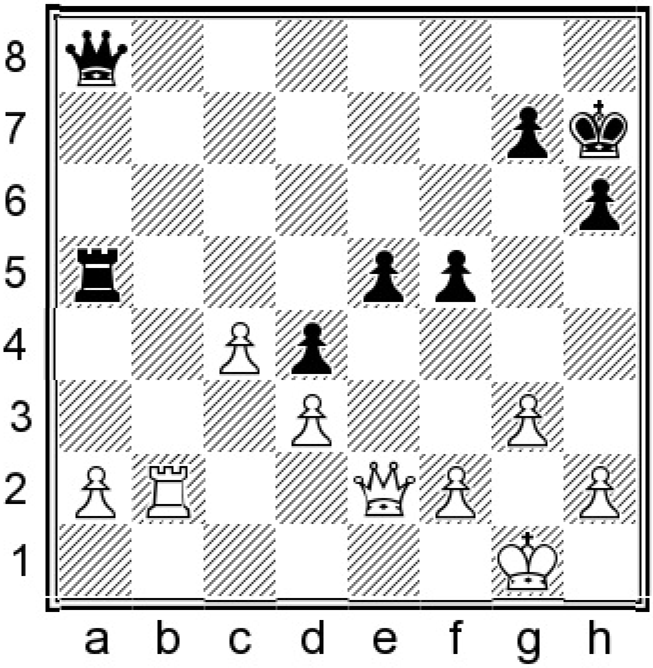
**32...♕c6 33.♖b5?!**

33.♖b2 ♕f3 34.♕e2±

**33...♕a8?**

33...♕f3! 34.h4 ♖a3 35.♖b3 ♖a6=

**34.♖b2 e5 35.♕e2 ♖a5**



**36.h4**

36.♕h5! e4 37.♖b6 ♕f8 38.♕g6+ ♔g8 39.♕e6+ ♔h7 40.dxe4 d3 41.♖d6+-

**36...e4 37.♖d2! e3 38.fxe3 ♖e5 39.e4 ♕e8?!**

39...fxe4 40.dxe4 ♖xe4 41.♕d3 ♔h8 42.♖e2±

**40.♕f2! fxe4 41.♕xd4 e3 42.♖e2 ♕a4 43.♖xe3+- ♕d1+ 44.♔g2 ♕d2+ 45.♔f3 ♕d1+ 46.♔f4 ♖a5 47.♕e4+ ♔g8 48.♕f3 ♕a4 49.♖e5 ♖a8 50.♕d5+ ♔h7 51.♔g4**

51.♕e4+ ♔h8 52.c5 ♕xa2 53.♖e8+

**51...♖f8 52.♔h3 ♕d1 53.♕e4+ ♔h8 54.♖f5 ♖d8 55.c5 ♕c2 56.c6 ♕xa2 57.c7 ♖c8 58.♖d5 ♕a8 59.♖d7 ♕a5 60.♕g4 1-0**

**9. A15**
**Hungaski, Robert Andrew (2537) - Lima, Darcy (2507)**
**Montevideo 151/9, 2022**

**1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.♗g2 ♗b7 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♘c3 O-O 7.♖e1 ♘e4 8.♘xe4 ♗xe4 9.d3 ♗b7 10.e4 c5 11.d4 cxd4 12.♘xd4 d6 13.b3 ♘d7**

13...a6 - 84/(11)

**14.♗b2 a6 15.♕d2 ♕c7 16.f4 ♖fe8 17.♖ad1 b5 18.cxb5 axb5**

18...♕b6 19.♔h1 axb5 20.a3 ♘f6

**19.a3 ♕b6 20.♔h1 ♘f6N**

20...♖ec8 21.b4 ♘f6 22.♕e3 ♖c4!? 23.♘f5 ♕xe3 24.♘xe7+ ♔f8 25.♖xe3 ♔xe7 26.♗xf6+ gxf6

27.♔g1 ♖ac8 28.♖de1 ♖c2 29.♗f1 ♗c6 (29...d5!? 30.exd5 ♗xd5= 31.♖3e2 (31.♗xb5?! ♖g2+ 32.♔f1 ♖xh2→)) 30.♖1e2 ♖c1 31.♖e1 ♖xe1 32.♖xe1 ♗d7 33.♔f2 e5=

**21.b4 ♖ac8 22.♘b3**

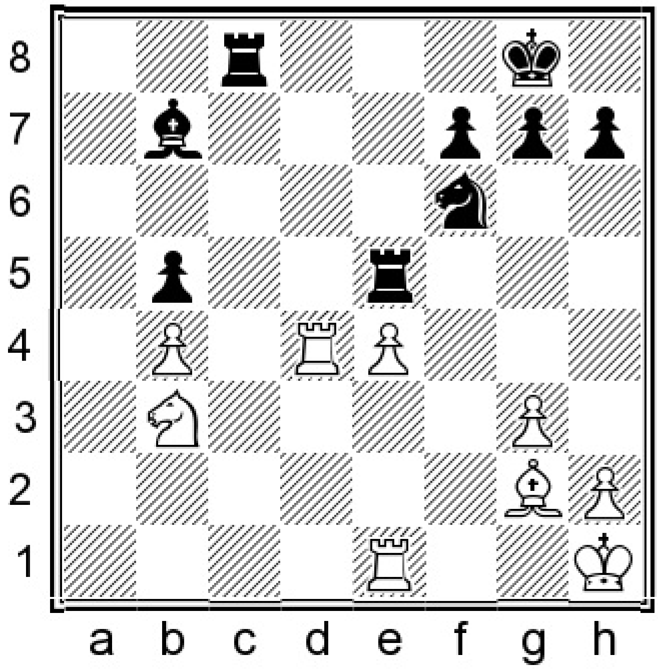
22.♗f3 ♗f8 23.♕g2 e5! 24.♘b3 h5!?⇄

**22...e5**

22...h5!? 23.h3 e5 24.fxe5 dxe5 25.♗xe5 ♕e6 (25...♗xb4=) 26.♗xf6 ♕xb3 27.♗xe7 ♖xe7 28.♖e3 ♕e6 29.h4 ♖ec7=∞

**23.fxe5 dxe5 24.♗xe5 ♗xb4 25.axb4 ♖xe5 26.♘c5**

26.♕d4 ♕xd4 27.♖xd4



27...♗d5! 28.♘c5 ♗c4 29.♔g1 h5=

**26...h5 27.h3 ♖ce8 28.♕f2 ♗a8**

28...♘xe4!? 29.♖xe4□ ♗xe4 30.♘xe4 ♕xf2 31.♘xf2 ♖e1+ 32.♔h2 ♖xd1 33.♘xd1 ♖d8 34.♘c3 ♖d4 35.♘d5 ♔f8=

**29.♖f1**

29.♕f4 ♘d5! 30.♕d2 ♘f6 31.♕f4=

**29...♖5e7**

29...♖8e7!? 30.♖d4 (30.♖a1 ♕d8! 31.♖fd1 ♕e8∓) 30...♘xe4 31.♖xe4 ♗xe4 32.♘xe4 ♕xf2 33.♘xf2 ♖e3 34.♔h2 ♖b3∓

**30.♖a1 ♖a7**

30...♕d8?! 31.♖xa8 ♕xa8 32.e5 ♘d5 33.♕f3 ♘c7 34.♕xh5 ♕a2 35.♘e4 ♖xe5 36.♘g5 ♖xg5 37.♕xg5 ♕e2=

**31.♕f4 ♖ee7**

31...♖xa1 32.♖xa1 ♕d8! 33.♔h2 h4! 34.♕xh4 ♕d2↑

**32.♔h2 ♖xa1 33.♖xa1 ♖a7 34.♖d1 ♘e8?!**

34...♖a2! 35.♔g1 ♗c6=

**35.♕e5! ♘f6 36.♖d2 ♗c6 37.♕d6**

37.♕f5 h4 38.♕c8+ ♔h7 39.gxh4±

**37...♘e8 38.♕e5 g6 39.♕f4 ♖e7 40.e5 ♗xg2 41.♖xg2 ♕c7 42.♖e2 ♘d6**

42...♘g7 43.♘e4 ♘e8 44.♘c5 ♘g7=

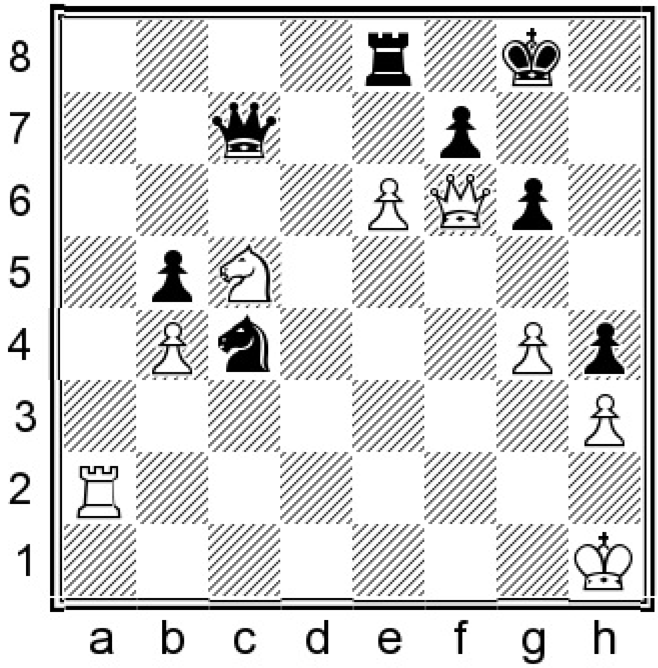
**43.♕f6 ♘f5 44.♖d2 h4 45.g4 ♘e3 46.♔h1 ♘c4 47.♖a2**

47.e6 ♘xd2 48.exf7+ ♔h7 49.♕xh4+ ♔g7 50.f8=♕+ ♔xf8 51.♕f6+ ♔g8 52.♕xg6+ ♖g7 53.♕e8+ ♔h7 54.♕h5+=

**47...♖e8?!**

47...♕d8!= 48.e6 ♕d1+ 49.♔h2 ♕d6+ 50.♔g2 ♕g3+ 51.♔h1 ♕e1+ 52.♔h2 ♕g3+

**48.e6!**



**48...♘e5?**

48...♕e7! 49.g5 ♕xf6 50.gxf6 fxe6 51.♘e4 ♖d8 52.♖a7 ♖d1+ 53.♔g2 ♖d5=

**49.♖e2 ♘c4 50.♕xh4 fxe6 51.♕f6**

51.♘e4! ♕b7 52.♔h2 ♕c7+ 53.♔g2 ♕b7 54.♕g5 ♔g7 55.h4 ♕e7 56.♕xb5+-

**51...♕f7 52.♖xe6 ♕xf6 53.♖xf6 ♖e2 54.g5?!**

54.♖xg6+ ♔f7 55.♖g5 ♖b2 56.♖f5+ ♔g8 57.♘a6 ♖a2 58.♘c7+-

**54...♘e5 55.♔g1?!**

55.♖e6±

**55...♖b2 56.♔f1 ♖xb4= 57.♔e2 ♖c4 1/2-1/2**

**10. A16**
**Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2627) - Zhu, Jiner (2478)**
**Wijk aan Zee II 151/10, 2022**

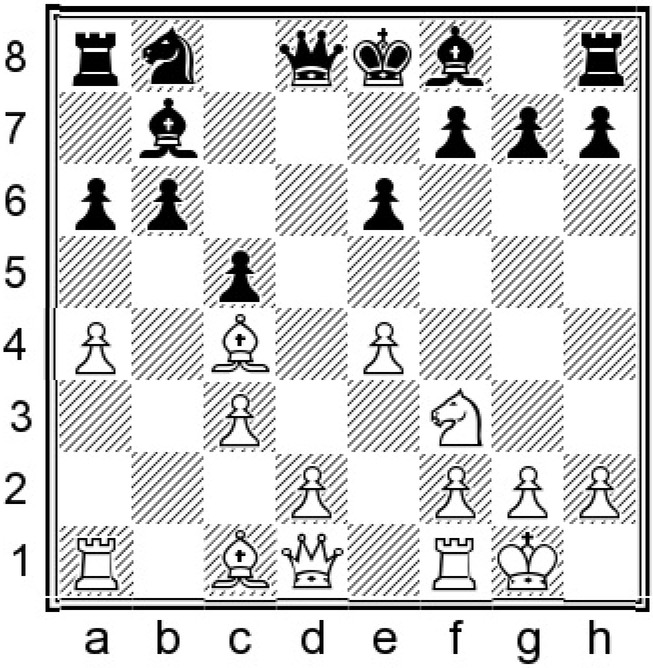
**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.cxd5 ♘xd5 4.♘f3 e6**

4...g6 - 142/171

**5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.♗c4 a6 8.a4 b6N**

8...♗e7

**9.O-O ♗b7**



**10.♖e1**

10.d4! ♗e7 (10...♗xe4 11.♖e1 ♗d5 (11...♗g6 12.d5→) 12.♗g5 f6 13.♗xd5 ♕xd5 14.c4 ♕d6 (14...♕xc4 15.dxc5! ♗xc5 16.♖c1 ♕a2 17.♖e2+-) 15.d5 e5 16.♘xe5! fxe5 17.f4 ♘d7 18.fxe5+-) 11.d5±

**10...♕c7 11.♕e2**

11.♕b3 ♗e7 12.d4 O-O 13.d5 b5 14.♖b1 ♗xd5 15.♗xd5±

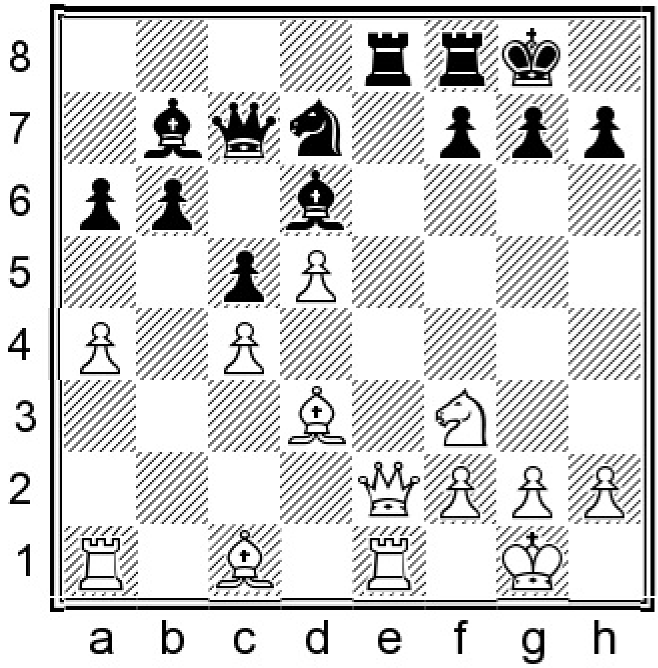
**11...♗e7 12.d4! O-O**

12...cxd4 13.cxd4 O-O 14.♗b2 ♘d7 15.♖ac1 ♕f4 16.g3 ♕b8 17.d5→

**13.d5 exd5 14.exd5 ♗d6 15.♗d3! ♘d7**

15...♗xd5? 16.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 17.♘g5+ ♔g8 18.♕h5+-

**16.c4 ♖ae8**



**17.♕xe8!±**

17.♗e3±

**17...♖xe8 18.♖xe8+ ♘f8**

18...♗f8 19.g3! ♘f6 20.♗f4+-

**19.♗f5 b5**

19...g6 20.♗h3!+-

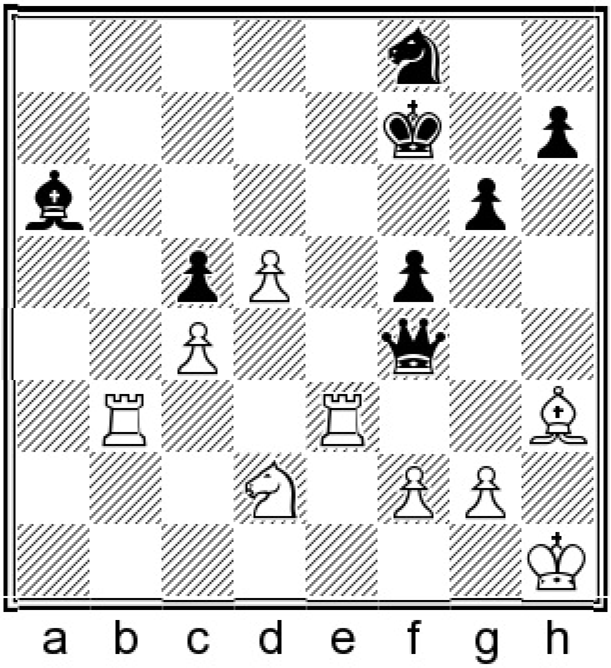
**20.axb5 axb5 21.♗d2 b4 22.♗g5 b3 23.♖b1 ♗a6 24.♘d2 g6 25.♗h3 f6 26.♗h6**

26.♗xf6 ♔f7 27.♖a8+-

**26...♔f7 27.♖e3**

27.♖a8+-

**27...♗xh2+ 28.♔h1 ♗f4 29.♗xf4 ♕xf4 30.♖bxb3 f5**



30...♕xf2! 31.♖bd3 ♕h4 32.d6 ♗c8 33.♔g1 f5 34.♘f3 ♕h6 35.♘e5+ ♔g8 36.♖e1 ♕h4 37.♖e2 ♕h5 38.d7 ♘xd7 39.g4 fxg4 40.♘xd7 ♕f5 41.♗f1 ♗xd7 42.♖e7 g3 43.♖d2 h5 44.♖exd7±

**31.♔g1!+- ♗xc4 32.g3 ♕d4 33.♖b7+ ♔g8 34.♘xc4 ♕xc4 35.♖e8 ♕xd5 36.♖bb8 1-0**

**11. A18**
**Giri, Anish (2772) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2760)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/11, 2022**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4 5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 ♕xf6 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗d3 ♗d7 9.♗e4**

9.♕e2 - 89/4

**9...♗c6 10.♕c2 ♗xe4 11.♕xe4 ♘c6 12.♖b1 O-O-O 13.d4 ♕g6**

13...♖d7 14.♗f4 ♗d6 (14...♕g6? 15.♕xc6+!+-)

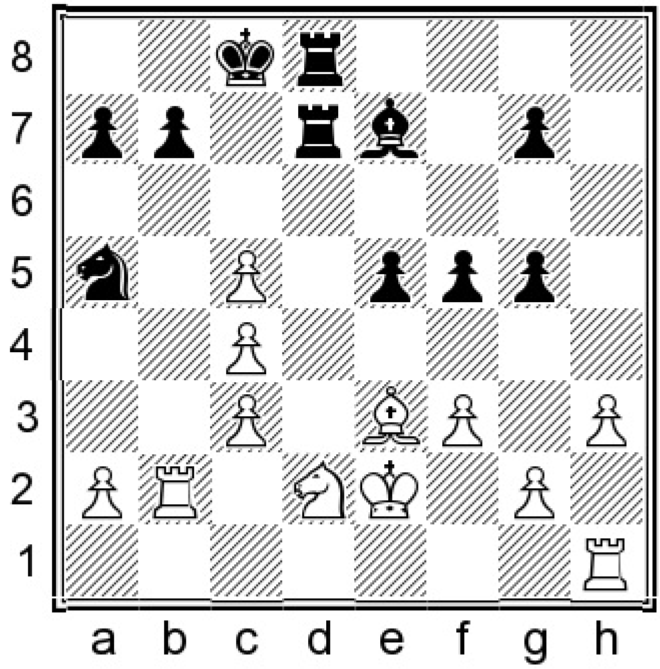
**14.♕xg6 hxg6 15.♗e3 f6N**

15...♗e7

**16.♔e2 g5 17.h3**

17.dxc5 e5 18.h3 ♘a5 19.♘d2 ♗e7 20.♖b5 ♘c6 21.f3 a6 22.♖b2 ♘a5=

**17...♗e7 18.dxc5 e5 19.♖bd1 ♘a5 20.♘d2 ♖d7⇄ 21.♖b1 f5 22.f3 ♖hd8 23.♖b2**



**23...♖d3**

23...♗f6!? 24.♖c1 ♘c6 25.♘f1 ♖e8⇄ 26.♘d2 (26.♖d2?! ♖de7! 27.♖dd1 f4 28.♗f2 e4∓)

**24.♖c2 ♗f6 25.g4 g6 26.gxf5 gxf5 27.♖g1= e4**

27...f4 28.♗f2 ♗e7 29.♘e4 ♖3d7 30.♘xg5 ♗xg5 31.♖xg5 ♘xc4=

**28.♗xg5 ♗xg5 29.♖xg5 e3 30.♘b3 ♘xc4 31.f4 ♘a3**

31...♖d1 32.♘d4 ♖d2+ 33.♖xd2 exd2 34.♖g1 ♖e8+ 35.♔d1 ♖e3 36.♘xf5 ♖xc3 37.♘d6+ ♘xd6 38.♖g8+ ♔c7 39.♖g7+ ♔c6 40.cxd6

**32.♖c1 ♘b5 33.♘d4 ♖xc3 34.♖xc3 ♘xc3+ 35.♔xe3 ♘d1+ 36.♔d3 ♘b2+ 37.♔c3 ♘d1+ 38.♔c4 ♘b2+ 1/2-1/2**

**12. A20**
**Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2612)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/12, 2022**

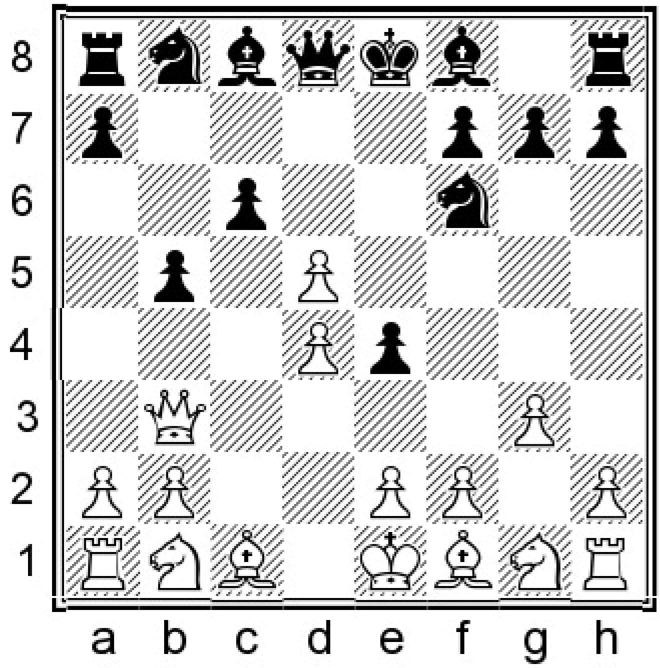
**1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.d4 e4**

3...exd4 4.♕xd4 ♘f6 5.♗g2 (5.♘c3 - 100/(7), A 23) 5...♘a6 6.♘f3 ♗c5 7.♕e5+ ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♘c3 ♖e8 10.♖d1 (10.♕d4!?) 10...♗b4 11.♕f4 (11.♕d4) 11...♗xc3 (11...d6?! 12.♗d2± (12.♘d4 ♗xc3 (12...♘c5 13.♗d2±) 13.bxc3 ♘c5=)) 12.bxc3 ♘c5=

**4.♕a4!?**

4.♘c3 - 131/12

**4...d5 5.cxd5 b5 6.♕b3 ♘f6**



**7.♗g5!?N**

7.♗g2?!

**7...♕a5+ 8.♘c3 b4 9.♘d1 ♘xd5 10.♗h3 ♗xh3**

⌓10...♘d7 11.♖c1 h6 12.♗d2 ♗e7=

**11.♘xh3 ♘d7**

11...h6!? 12.♗d2 ♗e7⩲

**12.♖c1 h6?!**

12...♖c8 13.f3 exf3 14.e4 ♕b5 15.♕xf3⩲

**13.♗d2 ♖c8?!**

13...♕b5 14.♘f4 ♘7b6 15.O-O ♗e7 16.♕c2±

**14.f3!**

14.♘f4 ♘7b6 15.♘e3 ♘xf4 16.gxf4 ♕a4 17.♖g1±

**14...♘7f6**

14...♘5f6 15.♘e3 exf3 16.O-O ♕b6 17.♕d3 fxe2 18.♖fe1±

**15.♘hf2 exf3 16.e4?!**

16.♕xf3 ♕xa2 17.O-O ♗e7 18.e4 ♘b6 19.♘e3 ♕xb2 20.♖fd1±

**16...♘b6?**

16...♕b5 17.♕xf3 ♘c7±

**17.O-O ♗e7 18.♘e3 ♕a4 19.♕d3**

19.♕xa4 ♘xa4 20.e5 ♘h7 21.♘f5 ♘xb2 22.d5 a5 23.dxc6+-

**19...♕b5 20.♕xb5**

20.♘f5 ♕xd3 21.♘xd3 a5 22.♖xf3 ♗f8 23.♘c5 g6 24.♘xh6 ♖xh6 25.♖xf6 ♗e7 26.♖f3+-

**20...cxb5 21.♖xc8+ ♘xc8 22.e5 ♘d7 23.♘f5**

23.♘d3!? O-O 24.♗xb4 ♘db6 25.♔f2 ♖d8 26.♗c3 a5 27.b3+-

**23...g6 24.♖c1 ♘db6 25.♘xe7**

25.♘xh6!?

**25...♘xe7 26.♗xb4?!**

26.♖c7 ♘bd5 27.♖xa7 ♔f8 28.♘d3 ♔g7 29.♘xb4+-

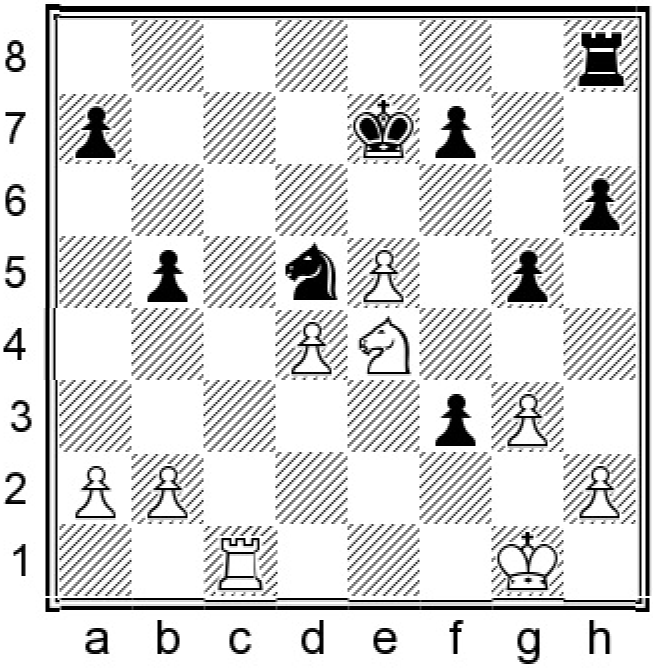
**26...♘bd5**

26...♘ed5 27.♗c5 ♘c4 28.♘e4 ♘xb2 29.♖b1 ♘d3 30.♖xb5 ♔d7 31.♗xa7+-

**27.♗xe7?**

27.♗d6 ♔d7 28.♘e4 ♖c8 29.♖xc8 ♘xc8 30.♗c5 ♘e3 31.♘f6+ ♔d8 32.♔f2 ♘d1+ 33.♔xf3+-

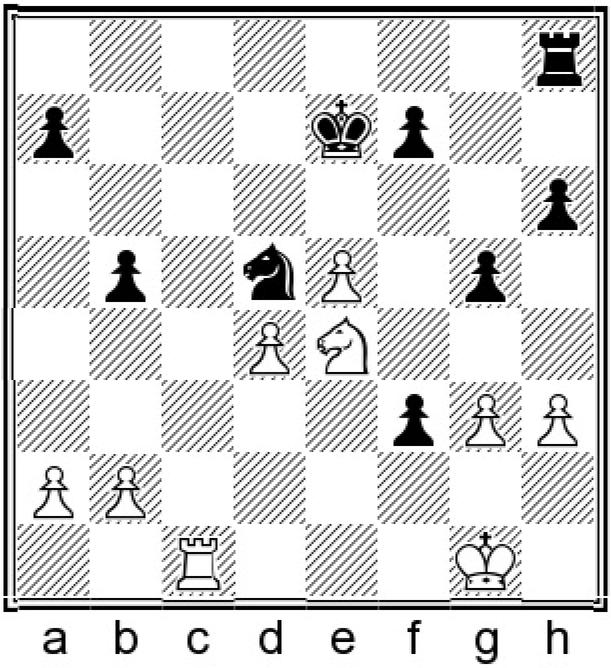
**27...♔xe7 28.♘e4 g5?!**



28...f6 29.♖c5! (29.♘d2? fxe5 30.♖e1 ♔d6 31.♖xe5 g5 32.♘e4+ ♔c6 33.♖e6+ ♔c7 34.h3 ♘b4

35.♔f2 ♘xa2 36.♘c5 ♘b4 37.♔xf3 ♖f8+ 38.♔e2 h5 39.♖g6 ♖e8+ 40.♔d2 g4 41.h4 ♘d5 42.♘e6+ ♔d7 43.♖g5 ♘f6 44.♘c5+ ♔d6 45.♖g6 ♔e7 46.♖g7+ ♔d6 47.♖g5 a5 48.♖f5 ♘e4+ 49.♘xe4+ ♖xe4 50.♔d3 ♖e1 51.♖xh5 a4 52.♖xb5 ♖g1 53.♔e4 ♖xg3=) 29...♖d8 30.♘d2 fxe5 31.dxe5 ♘b4 32.♘xf3 ♖d1+ 33.♔g2 ♖b1 34.♖xb5 ♖xb2+ 35.♔f1 a5 36.♖b7+ ♔d8 37.♘h4 ♖b1+ 38.♔g2 ♖a1 39.♘xg6 ♖xa2+ 40.♔f1 ♖a1+ 41.♔f2 ♖a2+ 42.♔e3 ♔c8 43.♖b5 ♘c6 44.♖c5 ♔d7 45.♘f4 ♘e7 46.♔e4 ♖a1 47.♘d5 ♘c6 48.♔f5 a4 49.♘f4 a3 50.♔f6 ♖d1 51.♖c2 ♖b1 52.e6+ ♔d6 53.♖a2 ♖b3 54.♖d2+ ♔c5 55.♘d3+ ♔c4 56.♘e5+ ♘xe5 57.♔xe5+-

**29.h3?**



29.g4! a5 30.♖c6 a4 31.♘g3 a3 32.♘f5+ ♔d7 33.♖d6+ ♔c7 34.bxa3 ♘f4 35.♖f6 h5 36.gxh5 ♖xh5 37.♖h6 ♖xh6 38.♘xh6+-

**29...f6?**

29...f5!! 30.exf6+ (30.♘d6 ♖f8 31.♔f2 g4 32.hxg4 fxg4 33.♖h1 ♘b4 34.♖xh6 ♘d3+ 35.♔f1 a5 36.♖g6 ♖h8 37.♘f5+ ♔d7 38.e6+ ♔c7 39.♘h4 ♖c8 40.♖xg4 ♔d6 41.♘xf3 ♔xe6=) 30...♘xf6 31.♘xf6 (31.♖c7+ ♔e6 32.♘xf6 ♔xf6 33.♔f2 ♖d8 34.♖c6+ ♔g7 35.♖a6 ♖xd4 36.♖xa7+ ♔f6 37.♖a6+ ♔e5 38.♔xf3 h5 39.♖a3 ♖b4 40.♖e3+ ♔f6 41.b3 g4+ 42.hxg4 ♖xg4=) 31...♔xf6 32.♔f2 ♖d8 33.♔e3 h5 34.g4 ♔e6 35.♖c6+ ♔d7 36.♖c5 ♖f8 37.♔f2 hxg4 38.hxg4 ♖f4=

**30.♖c5+- f5 31.♘d2 ♖d8 32.♘xf3 b4 33.♔f2 ♘b6 34.♖c6**

34.g4!?

**34...♖c8**

34...♖d5 35.♖xh6

**35.♖xc8 ♘xc8 36.h4 g4 37.♘e1 ♘b6 38.♘g2**

38.♘c2!?

**38...♘a4 39.♘e3 ♘xb2 40.♘xf5+ ♔e6 41.♘xh6 ♘d1+ 42.♔e1 ♘c3 43.♘xg4 ♘xa2 44.h5 ♘c3 45.♔d2 ♘e4+ 46.♔c2 1-0**

**13. A20**
**Harutyunyan, Tigran K (2552) - Pashikian, Arman (2606)**
**Armenia (ch) 151/13, 2022**

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.O-O ♗e7 7.d4 e4 8.♘e5 f5 9.♘xc6 bxc6 10.♕c2**

10.♘d2 - 113/12

**10...♗d7**

10...♕d7 11.♘c3 O-O 12.f3!?±

**11.♘c3 O-O 12.f3N**

12.a3

**12...exf3**

12...♗f6 13.e3 ♗g5 14.fxe4 ♘xe3 15.♗xe3 ♗xe3+ 16.♔h1 ♗xd4 17.exf5→

**13.♗xf3 ♗e6**

13...♗e8

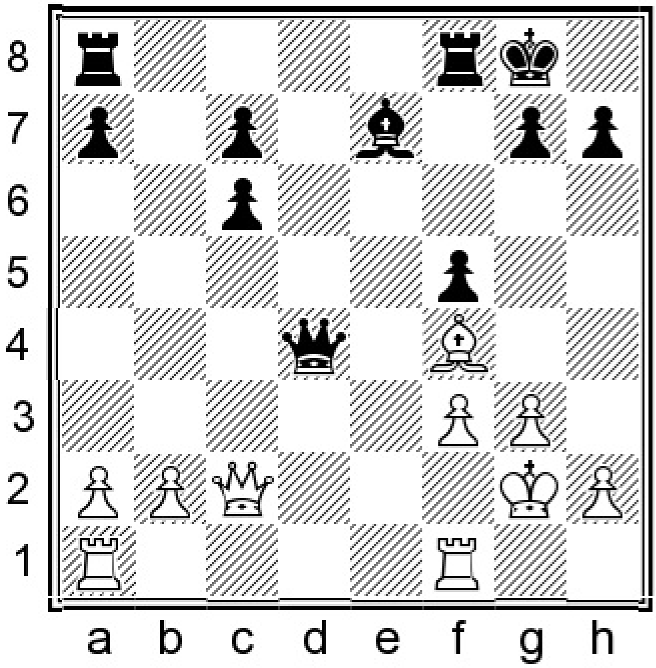
**14.♘xd5**

14.♕a4 ♕e8! 15.♗d2 ♖b8 16.b3 ♘xc3 17.♗xc3 ♗d5=

**14...♗xd5 15.♗f4**

15.♗e3 ♕d7 16.♖ac1 ♗d6⇄

**15...♗xf3 16.exf3 ♕xd4+ 17.♔g2**



**17...♗d6!=**

17...♗f6 18.b3 a5 19.♖ad1 ♕b2 20.♕xb2 ♗xb2 21.♖f2 ♗a3 22.♗xc7 ♖fe8 23.♖c2 a4=

**18.♖ad1 ♕f6**

18...♕c5 19.♕xc5 ♗xc5 20.♖c1±

**19.♕c4+ ♔h8 20.♖f2 c5 21.b3 a5 22.♖fd2**

22.♖d5 ♖ae8!=

**22...♗xf4 23.♕xf4 a4 24.bxa4 ♕c6 25.♖c1 ♖xa4 26.♖xc5 ♕a8 27.♕xc7 ♖xa2 1/2-1/2**

**14. A20**
**Aleksandrov, Aleksej (2502) - Siniauski, Artsiom (2300)**
**Belarus (ch) 151/14, 2022**

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.O-O ♘b6 7.b3 ♗e7 8.♗b2 f6 9.♘a3 O-O 10.♘c2 ♗e6 11.e4 ♗g4N**

11...♕d3 - 142/9

**12.d4! exd4 13.♘cxd4 ♘xd4 14.♕xd4**

14.♗xd4 c5 15.♗e3 ♕xd1 16.♖fxd1 ♖fd8 17.h3 ♗e6∞

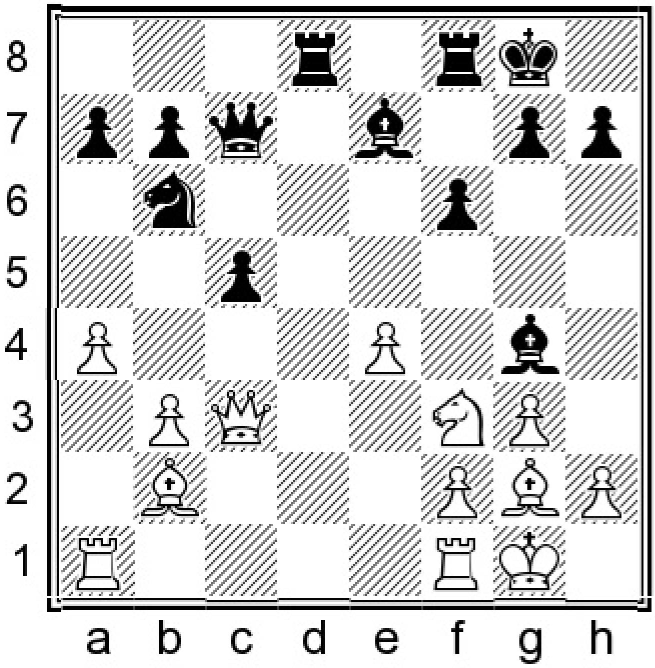
**14...c5 15.♕c3**

15.♕e3!? c4 16.e5 ♕d3 17.♕f4↑

**15...♕c7 16.a4**

16.e5!? fxe5 17.♘xe5 ♗f6 18.♖ac1 ♖ac8 19.♖fe1 ♖fe8 20.♖e3±

**16...♖ad8**



**17.♖fc1!?**

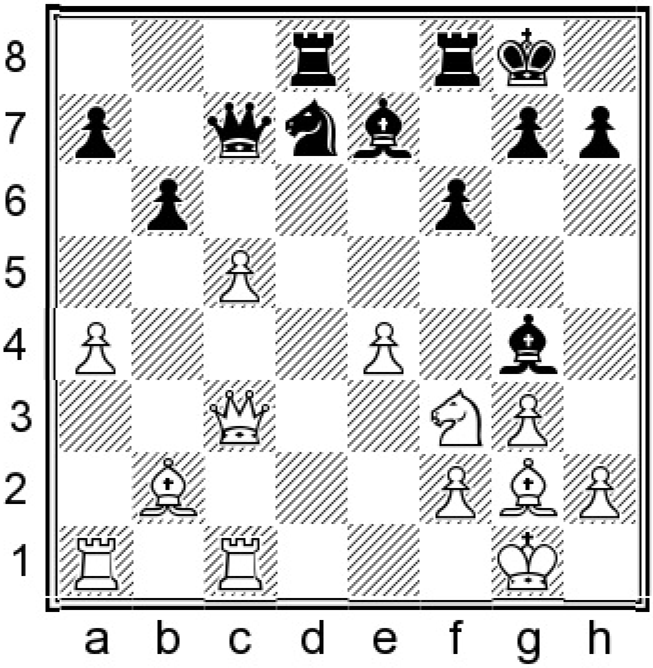
17.h3! ♗xf3 18.♗xf3 ♗d6 19.♕c2 ♗e5 (19...♘d7 20.♖ad1±) 20.♗xe5 ♕xe5 21.♖fd1 ♘d7 22.♗e2±

**17...♘d7 18.b4**

18.h3 ♗xf3 19.♗xf3 ♗d6 20.♗e2 ♗e5 21.♕c4+ ♔h8 22.♗xe5 ♕xe5 23.♖d1±

**18...♕b6?!**

18...b6! 19.a5 (19.bxc5



19...♗xc5! 20.♘e1 ♗e6 21.♘d3 ♖fe8 22.♘xc5 ♕xc5=) 19...♔h8 20.h3 ♗xf3 21.♗xf3 ♘e5 22.♗e2 ♕b7⇄

**19.b5± ♗d6?**

19...♔h8 20.♗f1 ♖fe8 21.a5±

**20.♕c4+ ♔h8 21.a5+- ♕c7 22.e5 ♘xe5 23.♗xe5 ♗xe5 24.♘xe5 ♕xe5 25.♕xg4 b6 26.♖e1 ♕c3 27.axb6 axb6 28.♖ac1 ♕b2 29.♖b1 ♕c3 30.♕e6 ♕a5 31.♗c6 f5 32.♖bd1 1-0**

**15. * A20**
**Bok, Benjamin (2619) - Schmakel, Sam (2425)**
**USA 151/15, 2022**

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 c6 4.♘f3 e4 5.♘d4 ♕b6 6.e3 d5 7.♘c3 ♗e7**

7...♗g4 - 143/3

**8.cxd5 cxd5 9.d3 exd3**

9...O-O 10.dxe4 dxe4 11.O-O (11.♘xe4?! ♘xe4 12.♗xe4 ♗b4+ 13.♗d2 ♖e8 14.f3 ♗c5∞) 11...♘c6 12.♘xe4 ♘xe4 13.♗xe4± ♗h3? 14.♕h5+-

**10.♕xd3 O-ON**

10...♗e6 - 151/(15) 11.O-O O-O Avazkhonov,A (1538)-Karas,M (2303) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 151/(15) 2021 (11...O-O 12.♘f5 ♗b4 13.♗d2±)

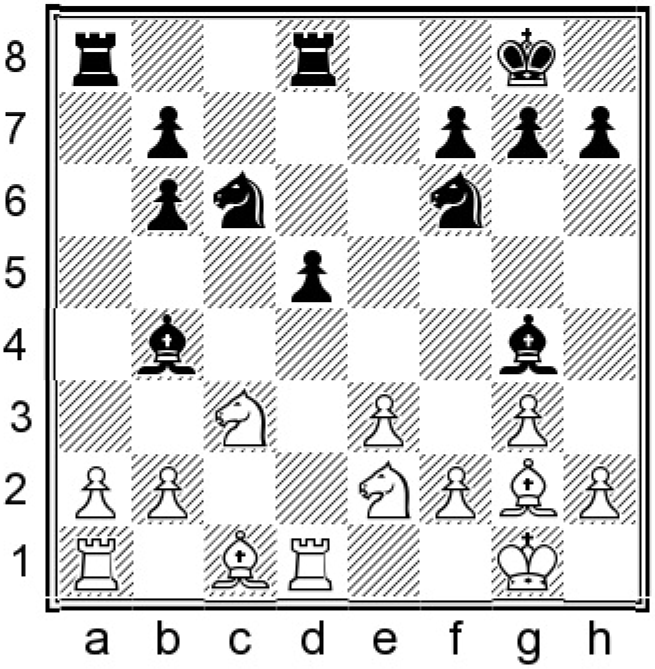
**11.♕b5 ♖d8**

11...♘c6 12.♕xb6 axb6 13.O-O ♗c5 14.♖d1 ♗g4 15.♘de2±

**12.♕xb6 axb6 13.O-O ♘c6 14.♖d1**

14.♗d2 ♗d7 15.♖fc1±

**14...♗g4 15.♘de2 ♗b4**



15...♘a5 16.h3 ♗xe2 17.♘xe2 ♘b3 18.♖b1 ♖xa2 19.♗d2 ♘xd2 20.♖xd2 g6 21.♘f4±

**16.h3! ♗f5**

16...♗h5?! 17.g4 ♗g6 18.♗d2 ♖ac8 19.♖ac1 h6 20.a3 ♗f8 21.♗e1±

**17.♗d2 d4?!**

17...h6 18.♖ac1±

**18.exd4 ♘xd4 19.♘xd4 ♖xd4 20.♗e1± ♖xd1 21.♖xd1 h5**

21...♖b8 22.g4 ♗e6 23.a3±

**22.a3 ♗xc3 23.♗xc3+- ♗e4 24.♗xf6 ♗xg2 25.♔xg2 gxf6 26.♖d6 b5 27.♖xf6**

27.♖b6 ♖a5 28.h4 ♔f8 29.♖xb7

**27...b4 28.axb4 ♔g7 29.♖b6 ♖a2 30.♖xb7 ♖xb2 31.b5**

31.♖b5 ♔g6 32.h4 f6 33.♔f3 ♖b3+ 34.♔e4 ♖b2 35.f3 ♖b3 36.♖b8

**31...♖b3 32.b6 ♔g6 33.♖b8 ♔g7 34.b7 ♖b2 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4 ♖b5 37.f4 f6 38.f5 ♖b2+ 39.♔f3 ♖b3+ 40.♔e2 ♖b2+ 41.♔d3 ♖b3+ 42.♔c2 ♖b6 43.g5 fxg5 44.f6+ ♔xf6 45.♖f8+ ♔e5 46.b8=♕+ ♖xb8 47.♖xb8 ♔e4 48.♔d2 ♔f3 49.♔e1 1-0**

**16. A21**

**Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2651) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/16, 2022**

**1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.♘d5 ♗e7 4.e3 ♘f6 5.♘e2**

5.♘xe7 - 64/20

**5...♘xd5 6.cxd5 c6N**

6...O-O

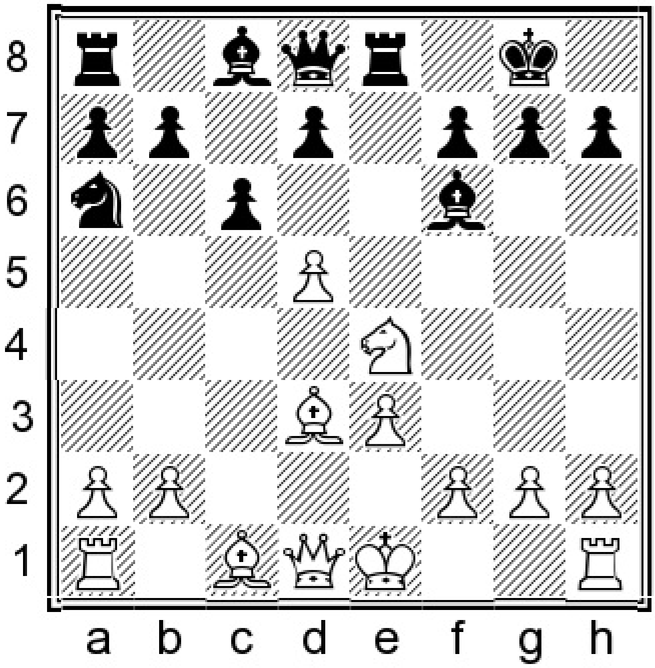
**7.♘c3 O-O 8.d4 exd4 9.♕xd4**

9.exd4 b5 10.♗d3 b4 11.♘e2 ♗a6 12.O-O ♗xd3 13.♕xd3 ♖e8∞

**9...♗f6 10.♕d1 ♖e8 11.♗d3 ♘a6!**

11...d6 12.O-O c5 13.♘e4 ♗e7 (13...♗f5? 14.♘xd6!±) 14.♗d2 ♘d7 15.♗c3 ♘f6 16.♘g3!±

**12.♘e4**



12.♗xa6 bxa6 13.O-O ♖b8 14.♕d3 ♗e5 15.f4 ♗xc3 16.♕xc3 cxd5→

**12...cxd5**

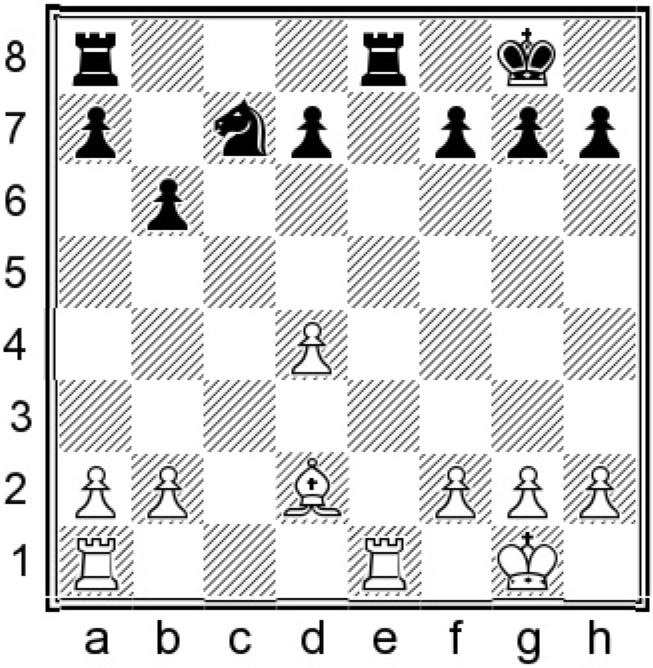
12...♗e5! 13.O-O cxd5 14.♘c3 b6 15.♘xd5 ♗b7 16.f4 (16.♗f5 g6 17.♗g4 ♘c7! 18.♘xc7 ♕xc7 19.f4 ♗f6 20.♕xd7 ♖e7∓) 16...♗f6 17.♕h5 g6 18.♘xf6+ ♕xf6∓

**13.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 14.O-O⩱ ♘c5 15.♗b5**

15.♗c2 b6 16.♕xd5 ♗b7 17.♕f5 ♕h4⇄

**15...b6 16.♕xd5 ♗b7 17.♕d4 ♕g6**

17...♕xd4! 18.exd4 ♗a6! 19.dxc5 (19.♗xa6 ♘xa6 20.♗d2 ♘c7 21.♖fe1



21...f6! (21...♘d5?! 22.♖e5!=) 22.♖ac1 ♘d5∓) 19...♗xb5 20.♖d1 bxc5 21.♗e3 ♖e5 22.b3 c4 23.a4 ♗c6 24.bxc4 ♖a5±

**18.f3 ♗c6**

18...♖e6!? 19.e4 d5! 20.exd5 ♖d6 21.♗f4 ♖xd5 22.♕e3 ♘e6=

**19.♗e2 d5 20.♗d2**

20.b4 ♘e6 21.♕d2 d4!? 22.e4 (22.exd4?! ♘xd4) 22...h5±

**20...♘e6 21.♕d3 ♕f6 22.♖ac1 ♖ac8**

22...♗b7! 23.♗c3 d4! 24.♗xd4 ♘xd4 25.exd4 ♕e6 26.♖fe1 ♕xa2∞

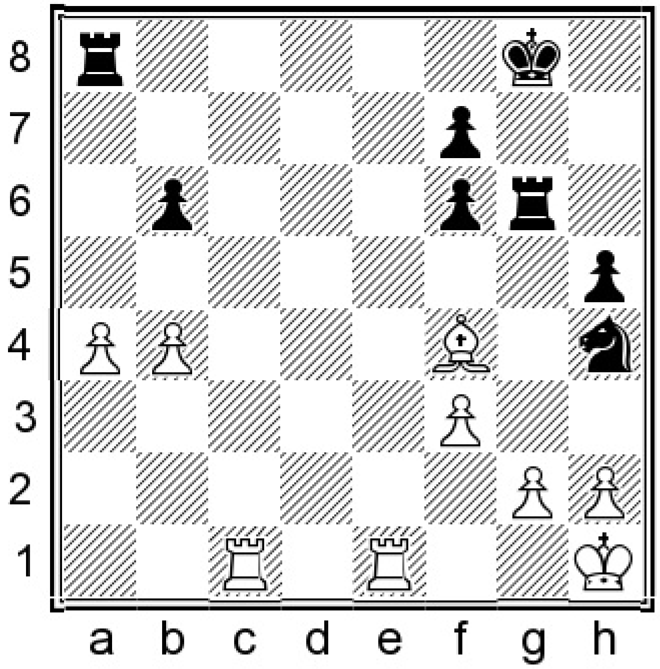
**23.♕a3 a5 24.♗a6!± ♖c7 25.♕b3 ♗b7 26.♗xb7 ♖xb7 27.♗xa5±**

27.♕xd5 ♕e7 28.♕b5±

**27...d4 28.♗d2 dxe3 29.♗xe3 ♘d4 30.♕c4 ♖d7 31.♖fe1 h6 32.♗f2 ♖ed8 33.a4 ♖d5 34.b4 ♖g5 35.♗g3 h5 36.♔h1 ♘f5 37.♗f4**

37.♗e5! ♕g6 38.♕c2+-

**37...♖g6 38.♕c7 ♖a8 39.♕e5 ♘h4 40.♕xf6 gxf6**



**41.g3**

41.a5! bxa5 42.b5 ♘xg2 43.b6 ♘xe1 44.b7 ♖f8 45.♖c8 ♘xf3 46.♗e3+-

**41...♘xf3 42.♖e3 ♘e5 43.♖a3 ♘g4 44.a5 bxa5 45.♖xa5 ♖e8 46.♖a2 ♘e5 47.♖d1**

47.b5±

**47...♖b8 48.♖d4 h4 49.♔g2 hxg3 50.hxg3 ♔h7 51.♖a7 ♖gg8 52.♖a6 ♔g7= 53.♖e4 ♖b7 54.♖d6 ♖c8 55.♖d5 ♖c2+ 56.♖d2 ♖c4 57.♖dd4 ♖xd4 58.♖xd4 ♘c6 59.♖d6 ♘xb4 60.♗d2 ♖b5 61.♗xb4 ♖xb4 62.♔f3 ♔g6 63.♖d7 f5 64.♖a7 f6 65.♖c7 1/2-1/2**

**17. A23**
**Gagunashvili, Merab (2573) - Paichadze, Luka (2566)**
**Georgia (ch) 151/17, 2022**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e5 3.g3 c6 4.d4 e4 5.♗g5 ♗b4 6.♗g2**

6.♕b3 - 115/7, A 20

**6...d5 7.♕b3 ♗xc3+ 8.bxc3 ♘bd7 9.♘h3 O-ON**

9...h6

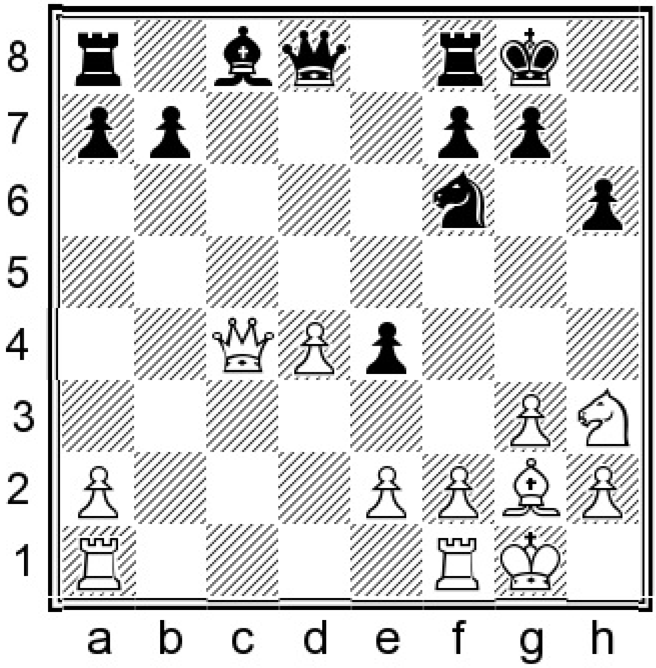
**10.O-O h6 11.♗xf6**

11.♗d2 dxc4 12.♕xc4 ♘b6 13.♕b4 ♗f5

**11...♘xf6 12.cxd5 cxd5**

12...♕xd5!? 13.f3 (13.e3 ♗g4!? 14.♘f4 (14.♕xb7 g5 15.♔h1 ♖fb8 16.♕e7 ♔g7→) 14...♕xb3 15.axb3 g5 16.h3 gxf4 17.hxg4 f3 18.♗h3 a5∓) 13...♕xb3 14.axb3 exf3 15.exf3⇄

**13.c4 dxc4 14.♕xc4**



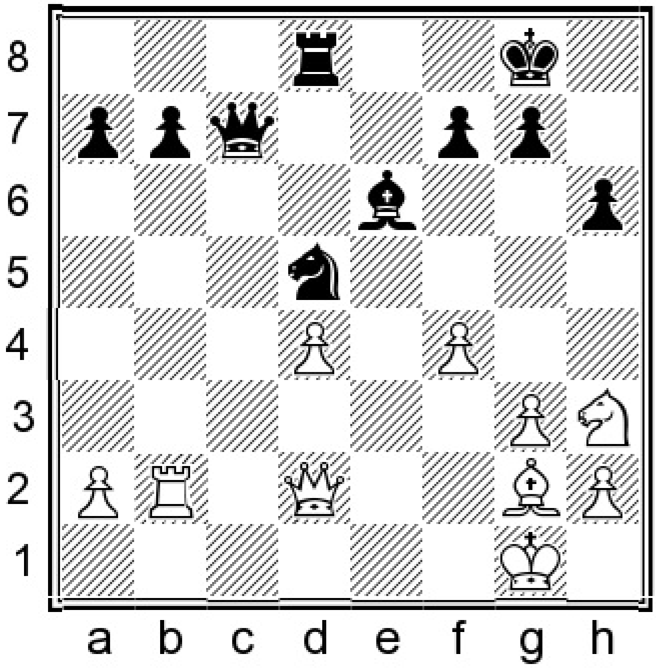
**14...♗g4! 15.f3**

15.e3 ♕c8! 16.♕xc8 ♖axc8 17.♘f4 g5 18.h3 gxf4 19.hxg4 f3 20.♗h3 ♖c6 21.♖fc1 ♖fc8 22.♖cb1 ♖8c7-+

**15...exf3 16.exf3 ♗e6 17.♕b4 ♘d5 18.♕d2**

18.♕xb7 ♘e3 19.♖f2 ♕xd4 20.♕b2 ♕c5 21.♖c1 ♗c4∓

**18...♖c8 19.♖ac1 ♖xc1 20.♖xc1 ♕b6 21.♖c2 ♖d8 22.♖b2 ♕c7 23.f4**



**23...♘b6**

23...b6! 24.♘f2 ♘f6 25.♖b1 ♕d6 26.♖d1 ♗d5 27.♗xd5 ♕xd5 28.♖c1 h5 29.♖c3 ♖e8-+

**24.♘f2 ♕d7 25.♖b4 ♘d5 26.♖b1 b6 27.♖d1 ♖c8 28.♗f3 f6 29.g4 ♕c7 30.f5 ♗f7 31.♘d3 ♕d6 32.♖c1 ♖d8 33.♘f2 ♕a3 34.♗g2 a5-+ 35.♖c6**

35.♘e4 ♘b4 36.♖c7 ♕xa2 37.♕c1 ♘d5 38.♖b7 ♕e2 39.h3 ♘e3

**35...♕a4 36.♗xd5 ♖xd5**

36...♗xd5 37.♖xb6 ♕a3 38.♕e2 ♕c1+ 39.♕d1 ♕f4 40.♕e2 ♖c8

**37.♖xb6 ♖xd4 38.♖b8+ ♔h7 39.♕c3 ♖c4 40.♕d2 ♕c6 41.♖b1 ♕c5 42.h3 ♖c2 43.♕f4 ♗xa2 44.♖e1 ♗d5 45.h4 ♖c4 46.♕e3 a4 47.♕xc5 ♖xc5 48.g5 hxg5 49.hxg5 fxg5 50.♖e7 a3 51.♘g4 a2 52.♘f6+ ♔h6 53.♘g4+ ♔h5 0-1**

# A25-A99

**18. * A29**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**Berlin 151/18, 2022**

**1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.♗g2 ♗c5 7.O-O O-O 8.♕c2!?**

8.d3 - 149/10

**8...♘f6 9.a3N**

9.d3 h6⇄ (9...♗g4!? 10.♗g5 ♗xf3 11.♗xf3 ♘d4 12.♕c1 ♘xf3+ 13.exf3 c6=)

**9...♘d4** - 151/18

9...♗g4 10.b4 ♗d6 11.e3!± ♕d7 12.b5 ♘a5 13.d4!↑; 9...♗b6N 10.e3 a5 11.b3 ♗g4 12.♗b2 ♕d7 13.♘a4 ♖fe8 14.d4 ♗xf3 15.♗xf3 exd4 16.♖fd1 ♘e5 17.♗xb7 d3 (17...c6!?) 18.♗xe5 dxc2 19.♖xd7 ♘xd7 20.♗xa8 ♖xa8 (20...♘xe5!?) 21.♗b2 ♘c5 (21...♗c5) 22.♖c1 ♘xb3 23.♖xc2 f6 24.♔f1± Carlsen,M (2865)-Le,Q (2709) chess24.com (Int.-m1/1-rapid) 151/(18) 2022

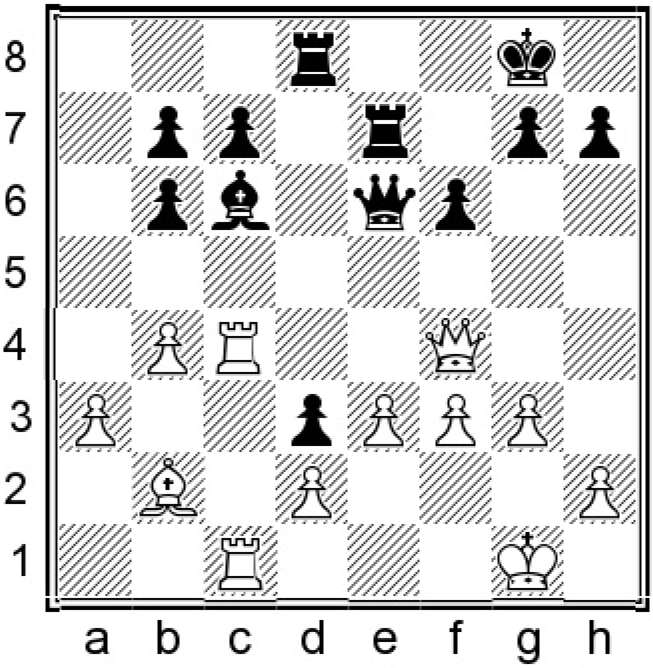
**10.♘xd4 exd4 11.b4 ♗b6?!**

11...♗e7 12.♘a4 ♖b8 13.e3 d3 14.♕b1±

**12.♘a4± ♖e8 13.♘xb6 axb6 14.e3 d3**

RR14...dxe3 15.fxe3 (15.dxe3!?↑ b5 16.♗b2 c6 17.e4 ♗e6 18.♖ad1 ♕e7 19.f4±) 15...b5 16.♗b2 ♖a6 17.♖ac1±

**15.♕c3 ♘e4 16.♕c4 ♗f5 17.♗b2 ♕d7 18.♗xe4!? ♗xe4 19.f3 ♗c6 20.♖ac1 ♖e7 21.♕f4 f6 22.♖c4 ♖d8 23.♖fc1± ♕e6**



**24.b5! ♗xb5 25.♖e4 ♕f7 26.♖xe7 ♕xe7 27.♖xc7 ♖d7 28.♖c8+ ♖d8**

28...♔f7 29.♕f5 ♗c6 30.♕h5+ ♔e6 31.♖e8+-

**29.♗xf6! gxf6 30.♕g4+ ♔f8**

30...♔f7 31.♕h5+ ♔g7 32.♖xd8 ♕xd8 33.♕xb5 ♕d6 34.a4 ♕a3 35.♔f2+-; RR30...♔h8 31.♕b4!+-

**31.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 32.♕b4+ ♕e7 33.♕xb5 ♕xa3 34.♔f2! ♕c5 35.♕xd3 b5 36.♕c3 ♕e7 37.♔e2 ♔g7 38.♕d4 ♕f7 39.♕g4+ ♔h8 40.♕b4 ♕e8 41.♕d6 ♕f7 42.♕c5 ♕e8 43.g4 ♔g7 44.h4 ♕d7 45.h5 ♔g8 46.h6 1-0**

**19. A29**
**Fridman, Daniel (2624) - Leenhouts, Koen (2413)**
**Belgique 151/19, 2022**

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.O-O ♗e7 7.♘c3 ♘b6 8.d3 O-O 9.♗e3 ♗e6 10.a3 a5 11.♖c1 f5**

11...a4 - 133/18

**12.♘a4 ♘d5 13.♗c5**

13.♘c5!? ♘xe3 14.fxe3 ♗d5 15.♘xb7 ♕b8 16.♘c5 ♕xb2 17.♘d2!↑

**13...♗d6 14.e4! fxe4N**

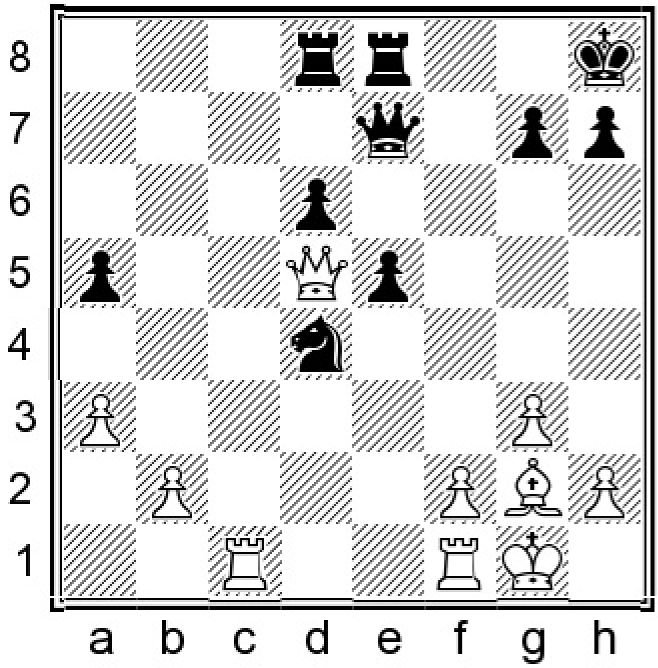
14...♘b6

**15.dxe4 ♘f6 16.♘g5 ♕e7 17.♗xd6**

17.♘xe6!? ♕xe6 18.♕d3! ♖ad8 19.♕b5↑

**17...cxd6 18.♘b6 ♖a6?!**

18...♖ad8 19.♘d5 ♗xd5 20.exd5 ♘d4 21.♗h3! ♘xd5 22.♘e6 ♘xe6 23.♕xd5 ♖fe8 24.♗g2 b5 25.♕xb5 ♘d4 26.♕d5+ ♔h8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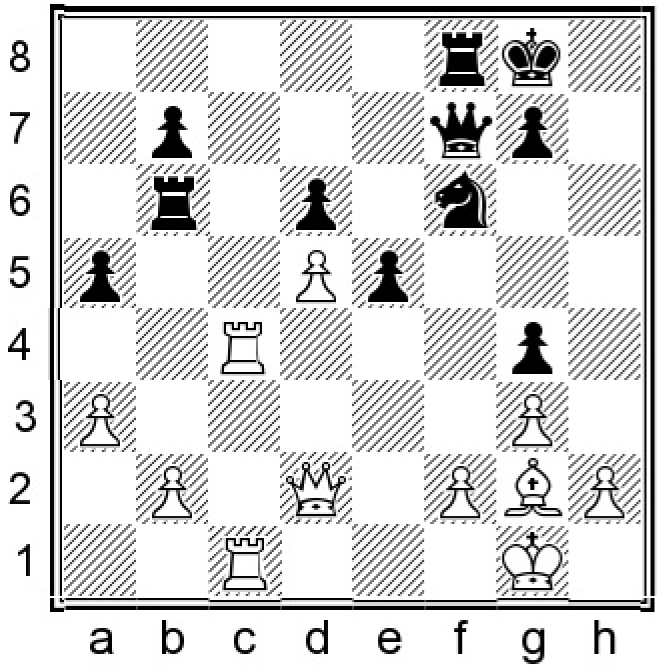
27.♖c4! ♖b8 (27...♕a7 28.♗e4 ♕b6 29.b4±) 28.♕xa5 ♖xb2 29.♖b4 ♖c2 30.♖b7 ♕f8 31.♕a7± ♖ec8 (31...♖a8? 32.♖f7+-)

**19.♘d5± ♗xd5 20.exd5 ♘d4 21.♖e1 h6 22.♕xd4 hxg5 23.♕d2 g4 24.♖c4! ♖b6 25.♖ec1 ♕f7**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**26.♖1c2**

26.h4!? gxh3 27.♗xh3 ♘xd5 28.♖c8 ♘e7 29.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 (29...♔xf8 30.♕xa5 ♖xb2 31.♕d8+ ♕e8

32.♕xd6+-) 30.♗e6+ ♔h7 31.♕g5 ♛f6 32.♕xf6 gxf6 33.♖c7+-

**26...♖b5 27.a4 ♖b3 28.♕xa5+- ♖d3 29.♕e1 e4 30.♗xe4 ♘xe4 31.♕xe4 ♛f3 32.♕xf3 gxf3 33.h4 ♖xd5 34.♖c8 ♖xc8 35.♖xc8+ ♔h7 36.♖b8 ♖d1+ 37.♔h2 ♖d2 38.♖xb7 ♖xf2+ 39.♔g1 ♖c2 40.a5 ♔g6**

40...♔g6 41.a6

**1-0**

**20. A32**
**Czerw, Dawid (2396) - Noe, Christopher (2530)**
**Marianske Lazne 151/20, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.♘f3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♛b6 6.♗g2 ♗c5 7.e3 ♘c6 8.♘b3 ♗b4+ 9.♗d2 ♘e5 10.♕c2 d5 11.cxd5 ♛a6 12.♘c1**

12.♗xb4 - 39/67

**12...♗xd2+N**

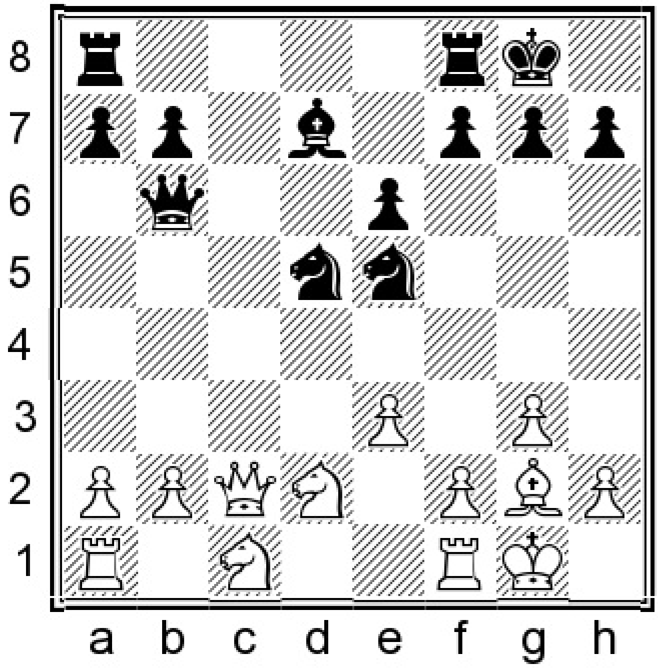
12...♘xd5 13.♘c3 O-O 14.♘xd5 ♗xd2+ 15.♕xd2 exd5 16.♕e2 ♛g6⇄

**13.♘xd2 ♘xd5 14.♗f1 ♛b6**

14...♘b4 15.♕c3 ♛c6 16.♕xc6+ ♘exc6 17.♖b1 b6 18.a3 ♘d5 19.♗b5 ♗b7 20.O-O ♔e7=

**15.♘cb3**

15.♗g2 O-O 16.O-O ♗d7



17.♘f3 (17.♗xd5?! exd5 18.♕c3 ♖fe8 19.♘cb3 ♗h3 20.♖fc1 ♖ac8 21.♕d4 ♖xc1+ 22.♖xc1 ♛a6∓

23.♖e1 (23.♕xd5? ♕e2-+)) 17...♘xf3+ 18.♗xf3 ♗c6⇄

**15...♗d7 16.♕c5?!**

16.♗e2 ♗b5!? 17.♕c5 ♘d3+ 18.♗xd3 ♗xd3 19.♖c1 ♗a6=

**16...♕xc5 17.♘xc5 ♗c6∓ 18.e4**

18.♗g2 b6 19.♘cb3 ♘d3+ 20.♔e2 ♘xb2 21.♘d4 ♘c3+ 22.♔f1 ♗xg2+ 23.♔xg2 ♖c8∓

**18...♘b4-+ 19.♔e2 O-O-O 20.a3 ♗b5+**

20...♘bd3 21.♘cb3 ♗b5

**21.♔d1 ♘f3 22.♘b3 ♗a4 23.♔e2**

23.♖c1+ ♔b8 24.♔e2 ♘xd2 25.♘xd2 ♘d3

**23...♖xd2+ 24.♔xf3**

24.♘xd2 ♘d4+ 25.♔e3 ♘dc2+ 26.♔f4 ♘xa1 27.axb4 ♖d8

**24...♗xb3 25.axb4 ♔b8 26.♗e2 ♖hd8 27.♔e3 ♖xb2 28.♖hb1 ♖dd2 29.♖xb2 ♖xb2 30.f4 ♗c2 31.b5 ♗xe4 32.♖d1 ♗d5 0-1**

**21. A33**
**Maghsoodloo, Parham (2701) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2643)**
**Riga 151/21, 2021**

**1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 c5 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘c6 6.a3 ♗c5 7.♘b3 ♗b6 8.c5**

8.♗f4 - 130/18; 8.e4 d5!? (8...O-O 9.♗e2 (9.♗g5 h6 10.♗h4 d6 11.♗e2 a5 12.O-O a4⇄) 9...d6 10.O-O e5 11.♕d3 h6 12.♗e3 (12.♖d1 ♗xf2+ 13.♔xf2 ♕b6+ 14.♔f1 ♕xb3 15.♘d5 ♕xd3 16.♘xf6+ gxf6 17.♖xd3 ♗e6 18.♗xh6 ♖fc8⇄) 12...♗e6 13.♖fd1 ♖c8 14.♘d5 ♗xe3 15.♕xe3 ♘d7 16.♘c3 ♕b6 17.♘b5 ♕xe3 18.fxe3 ♘c5 19.♘d2 a6 20.♘xd6 ♖cd8 21.b4 ♖xd6 22.bxc5 ♖d7⇄) 9.exd5 exd5 10.♘xd5 (10.c5 ♗c7 11.♗e2 O-O 12.♗e3 ♗e5 13.♘d4 ♘e4⇄; 10.cxd5 ♘g4 11.♗e3 ♘xe3 12.fxe3 ♘e5 13.♗b5+ ♗d7 14.♕h5 O-O 15.♗xd7 ♘xd7 16.O-O-O ♗xe3+ 17.♔b1 ♕b6⇄) 10...♘xd5 11.cxd5 O-O (11...♕f6 12.♕f3 ♕xf3 13.gxf3 ♘e5 14.♗e2 ♗f5 15.♗f4!?∞) 12.♗e2 ♕h4 13.O-O ♖d8 14.♗e3 ♗e6 15.♗xb6 ♖xd5=

**8...♗c7 9.♘b5**

9.g3 O-O 10.♗g2 b6 11.O-O ♗e5⇄; 9.e4 b6 10.♗e3 O-O 11.♗e2 ♖b8 12.♕c2 bxc5 13.♘xc5 ♗e5⇄; 9.♗g5 b6 (9...h6 10.♗h4 ♗e5!? 11.♖c1 b6⇄) 10.e3 bxc5!? 11.♘xc5 ♗e5 12.♕d2!? (12.♖c1 h6 13.♗h4 ♘e7!?) 12...♕a5 13.♗xf6 ♗xf6 14.♘5e4 ♗xc3 15.♘d6+ ♔e7 16.bxc3 ♗a6=

**9...O-O 10.♘xc7**

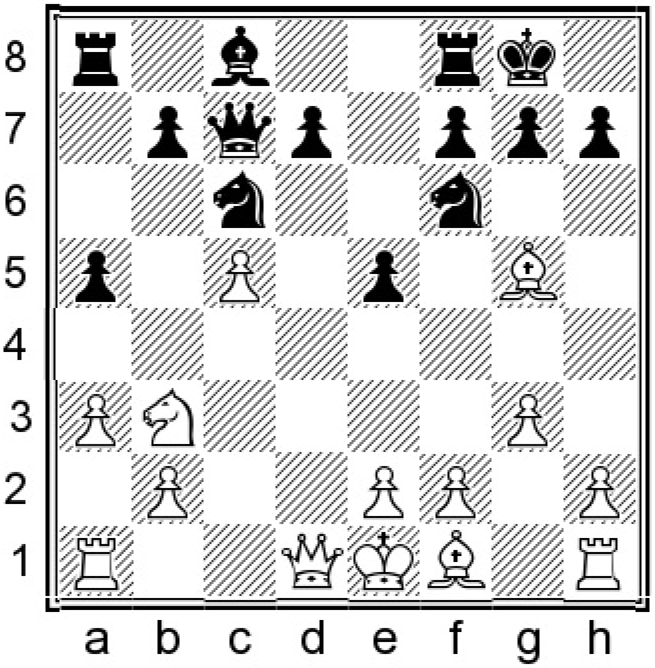
10.g3 ♗a5+ 11.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 12.♕xd2 d5 13.cxd6 ♕b6⇄

**10...♕xc7 11.g3**

11.♗g5 ♕e5 12.♕c1 b6 13.♗f4 ♕f5⇄

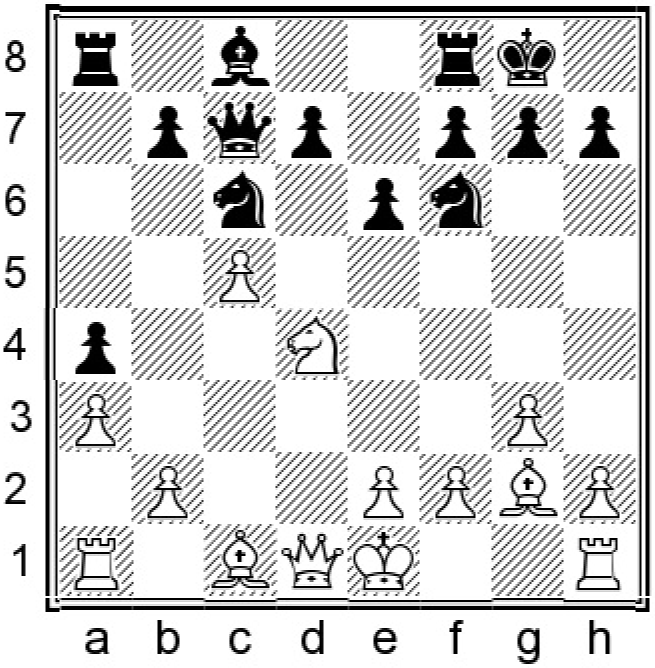
**11...a5!? 12.♗g2N**

12.♗f4 e5 13.♗g5



13...a4! (13...♘e4) 14.♘d2 (14.♘c1 ♘e4) 14...d5! 15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.♗g2 ♖d8 17.e3 ♕e7 18.♖c1 (18.♕c2 f5 19.O-O ♗e6 20.b4 axb3 21.♘xb3 d4↑) 18...e4 19.O-O ♘e5∓

**12...a4⇄ 13.♘d4**



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♕c4∓

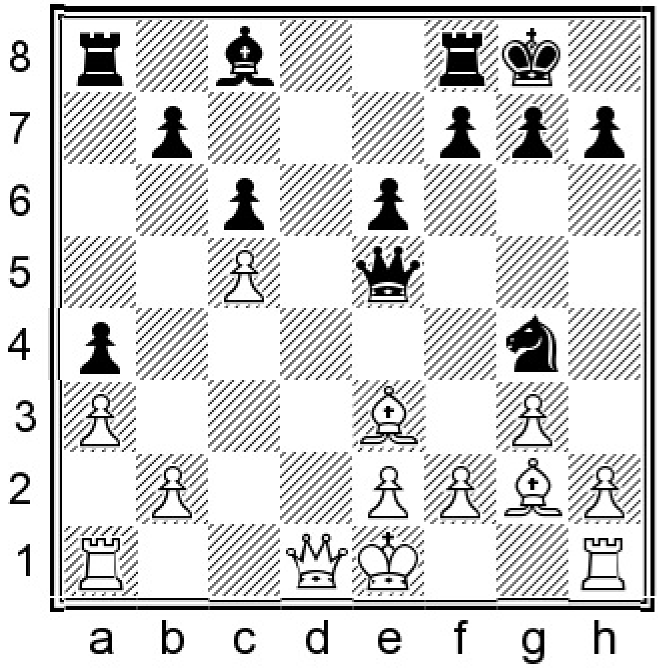
**13...♕e5!?**

13...♖d8 14.♘b5 ♕a5+ 15.♘c3 d5 (15...♕xc5 16.O-O d5 17.♘xa4 ♕a7 18.b3 e5 19.♗g5 ♗e6 20.♖c1∞) 16.cxd6 ♘e8 17.O-O ♘xd6 18.♕d3 ♘f5 19.♕b5=

**14.♗e3**

14.♘xc6 dxc6 15.♕c2 ♕h5 16.O-O e5⇄

**14...♘g4 15.♘xc6 dxc6**



**16.♕d4!?**

16.♗d4 ♕g5 (16...♕h5 17.h3 ♘f6 18.e4±) 17.h3 e5 18.♗c3 ♘h6 19.h4 (19.♕d6 f6 20.♖d1 ♕g6 21.O-O ♕h5 22.♕e7 ♗xh3 23.♕xb7 ♗f5 24.♕xc6 ♘g4 25.♖fe1 ♔h8 26.♔f1 ♘h2+ 27.♔g1 ♘g4=) 19...♕e7 20.♕d6 ♕xd6 21.cxd6 f6 22.♗b4 ♖d8 23.♖d1 ♗e6 Δ Rd7, Nf7⇄

**16...♕f5⇄ 17.♗e4**

17.O-O ♕h5 18.h3 ♘xe3 19.♕xe3 f6 20.h4 e5 21.♖fd1 ♗e6 22.♖d6 ♗b3 23.♖c1 ♖ae8 24.♖c3 f5 25.♖d7 ♖f7 26.♖cd3 f4⇄

**17...♕h5 18.h3**

18.♗f3 e5 19.♕e4 ♖e8 20.h3 ♘f6 21.♗xh5 ♘xe4 22.♗f3 ♘f6 23.♖c1 ♗e6 24.g4 ♖a5 25.g5 ♘d5 26.♗d2 ♖b5∓; 18.O-O-O e5 19.♕c3 ♗f5 (19...♘f6 20.♗c2 ♘d5 21.♕d3 ♖e8 22.h3∞) 20.♗xf5 ♕xf5 21.h3 ♘xe3 22.♕xe3 ♖a5 23.♖d3 ♖b5 24.♔b1 h5∞

**18...e5 19.♕d3 ♘xe3 20.♕xe3 f5↑ 21.♗d3**

21.♗c2 f4 22.♕e4 fxg3 23.fxg3 ♗e6 Δ Bd5∓

**21...♖e8**

21...f4 22.♕e4 fxg3 23.fxg3 ♔h8 (23...♗e6 24.O-O-O ♗d5 25.♗c4=) 24.O-O-O ♗e6 25.♕e3 ♗d5 26.♗e4 ♗xe4 27.♕xe4 ♕g5+ 28.♔b1 ♕xg3 29.♖hg1 ♕f4 30.♖g4 ♕f6 31.♖h4 h6 32.♖d6 ♕f5 33.♕xf5 ♖xf5 34.♖b4 ♖f7 35.♖e6=

**22.O-O-O ♕f7 23.♔b1**

23.♖d2 Δ♕b3 24.♖c2 ♗e6 25.♕xe5 ♕a2 26.♖d1 ♖ad8 27.♖cd2 ♕a1+ 28.♗b1 ♗a2 29.♕xf5 g6 30.♕c2 ♖d5 31.♖xd5 cxd5 32.♔d2! ♗b3 33.♕c1 ♗xd1 34.♔xd1⩱

**23...♕b3↑ 24.♗c2**

24.♕d2 ♗e6∓

**24...♕xe3 25.fxe3 ♖a5 26.♖c1**

26.g4!? ♖xc5 27.gxf5 e4 28.♗xa4 (28.f6 gxf6 29.♗xa4 ♗e6∓) 28...♖xf5 29.♗b3+ ♔f8 30.h4 g6 31.♖h2 ♔g7 32.♗c2 ♗e6 33.♗xe4 ♖e5 34.♗d3 ♖xe3 35.h5

**26...♗e6 27.h4?!**

27.g4 e4 28.gxf5 ♗xf5 29.h4 ♖e5∓

**27...g6**

27...e4! 28.h5 ♔f7∓

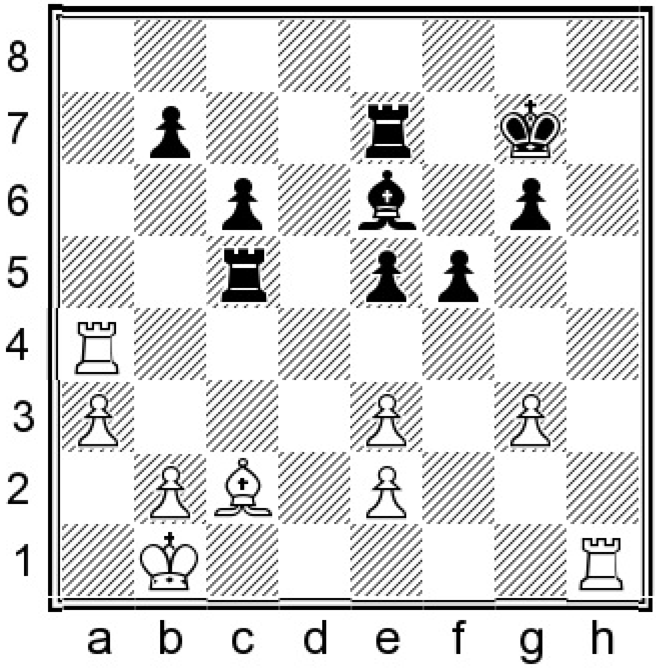
**28.h5**

28.e4 f4 29.gxf4 exf4 30.♗d3 ♔g7 31.♖c3 ♔f6 32.♖g1 ♖g8∓

**28...♔g7 29.♖h4**

29.e4 ♖xc5 30.♖hf1 f4! 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.gxf4 exf4 33.♖xf4 g5 34.♖g1 b5 35.♖f2 ♖h8∓

**29...♖xc5 30.♖xa4 ♖e7 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.♖h1**



**32...♖c4**

32...e4! 33.♖d4 ♔f6∓

**33.♔c1 ♔f6 34.♖xc4 ♗xc4 35.♔d2 ♖d7+**

35...e4 36.♖h4 ♔g5∓

**36.♔e1 ♔g5?!⊕**

36...e4! 37.g4 fxg4 38.♗xe4 ♔g5 39.♖g1 ♗b3 40.♗d3 c5 41.♔f2 ♖d6 42.♖h1 c4 43.♗e4 b5 44.♖h8 ♖f6+ 45.♔g3 ♖e6∓

**37.e4! f4 38.gxf4+ ♔xf4 39.♖g1 g5 40.e3+?⊕**

40.♖f1+! ♔g4 (40...♔e3? 41.♖f3+ ♔d4 42.♖c3! Δ e3+-) 41.♖f5 ♖e7 42.♗d3 ♗b3 43.♔f2=

**40...♔xe3 41.♖xg5 ♗e2! 42.♖g1 ♗f3-+ 43.♖f1 c5 44.a4 c4 45.a5 ♖d6 46.♖f2 ♖a6 47.b4 cxb3 48.♗xb3 ♖xa5 49.♗d1 ♗xd1 50.♖e2+ ♔f3 51.♖b2 ♗a4 0-1**

**22. A33**
**Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2643) - Miezis, Normunds (2467)**
**Riga 151/22, 2021**

**1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.g3 ♗c5 7.♘b3 ♗b4 8.♗g2**

8.♗d2 d5 9.a3 (9.cxd5 ♘xd5 10.♘e4 ♗e7 11.♗g2 O-O=) 9...dxc4 10.axb4 cxb3 11.♕xb3 (11.♗g2 ♘d4 12.O-O ♘c2⇄) 11...O-O 12.♗g2 e5⇄

**8...d5 9.cxd5 ♘xd5 10.O-O**

10.♕c2 ♘xc3 11.bxc3 ♗e7 12.O-O e5 13.♗e3 O-O=

**10...♘xc3 11.♕xd8+ ♘xd8**

11...♔xd8 12.bxc3 ♗xc3 13.♖b1 a5 (13...♔c7 14.♗f4+ e5 15.♖fc1 exf4 16.♖xc3↑) 14.♗e3 ♗b4 15.♖fc1 ♔e7 16.♘d4 ♗d7 17.♘b5! Δ a3→

**12.bxc3 ♗xc3 13.♖b1∞ a5**

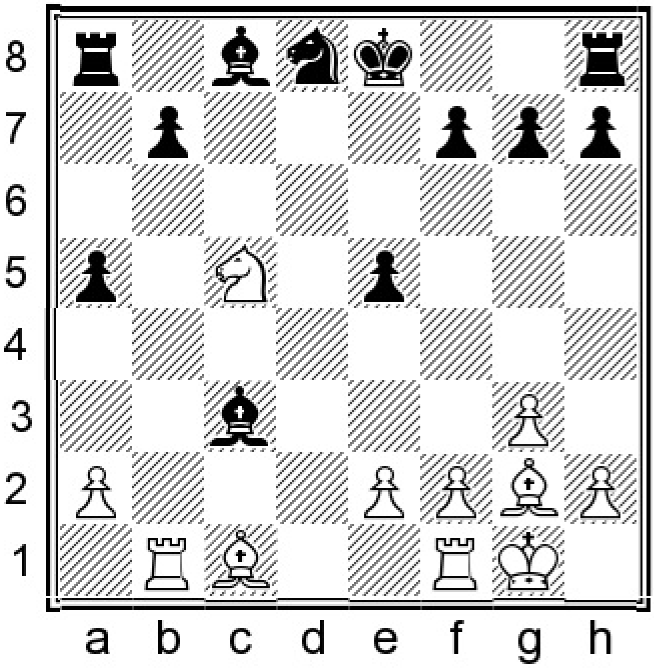
13...♗b4 14.♘d4 a5 (14...♗e7 15.♘b5 O-O 16.♘c7 ♖b8 17.♗f4±) 15.♘b5 O-O 16.♘c7 ♖b8 17.a3 ♗d6 18.♘b5 ♗e5 19.♗e3 Δ Rfd1→

13...O-O 14.♗a3 ♖e8 15.♖fc1 ♗f6 16.♘a5±

**14.♘c5**

14.♖d1 e5! (14...f6 - 32/75) 15.♗e3 ♗b4 16.♘c5 (16.a3 ♗e7 17.♘c5 a4 18.♖bc1 O-O 19.♘xa4 ♖xa4 20.♖xc8 ♘e6=) 16...♗f5 17.♖bc1 ♖c8 18.♘xb7 ♘xb7 19.♗xb7 ♖xc1 20.♖xc1 ♗e6 21.♗d5 ♔d7=

**14...e5!?**



14...♗b4 - 29/87

**15.♘a4N**

15.a3!? ♗f5 (15...O-O 16.♘e4 ♗d4 17.e3 ♗a7 18.a4 ♗b8 19.♗a3 ♖e8 20.♖fd1 ♖a6 21.♖b5±; 15...♗d4 16.♘e4 ♖a6 17.e3 ♗a7 18.♗b2 ♗b8 19.♗c3±) 16.♘e4 ♗xe4 17.♗xe4 O-O 18.♗e3 ♗d4 19.♗xd4 exd4 20.♖fd1±; 15.♘xb7

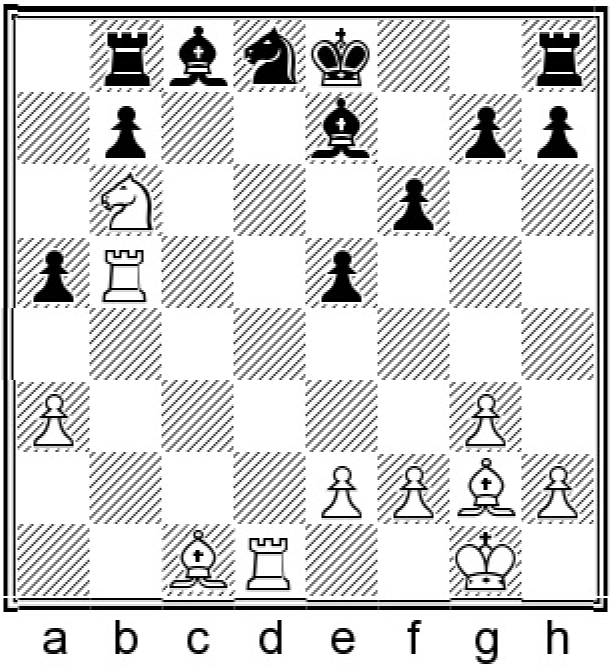
**15...♗b4 16.a3 ♗e7 17.♘b6 ♖b8 18.♖b5**

18.♘xc8 ♖xc8 19.♖d1 (19.♖b5 ♖c5=) 19...O-O 20.♖d5 ♗c5! 21.♗h3 ♖c6 22.♖xe5 b6 Δ Ne6=

**18...f6!?**

18...♗g4 19.♖xe5 ♘c6 20.♖d5 ♖d8 21.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 22.♘d5 O-O 23.♗e3± Δ Rb1

**19.♖d1**



19.♘xc8 ♖xc8 20.♖xa5 ♘c6 21.♖a4 ♗c5 (21...♘d4 22.♗e3 ♘xe2+ 23.♔h1 O-O 24.♗xb7 ♖c7 25.♗d5+ ♔h8 26.♖c4±) 22.♗e3 ♗xe3 23.fxe3 ♔e7 24.♖b1±

**19...♗g4! 20.f3**

20.♔f1 ♘c6 21.♗e3 ♔f7 22.♗d5+ ♗e6 23.♘d7 ♖bc8 24.♖xb7 ♗xd5 25.♖xd5 ♘d8 26.♖b3 ♘c6=

**20...♗e6 21.f4 ♘c6 22.♗b2**

22.fxe5 ♘xe5 23.♗f4 ♖d8 24.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 25.♗xb7 ♔f7 26.♗e4 g5 27.♗xe5 fxe5 28.♘d5 h5⇄

**22...♔f7**

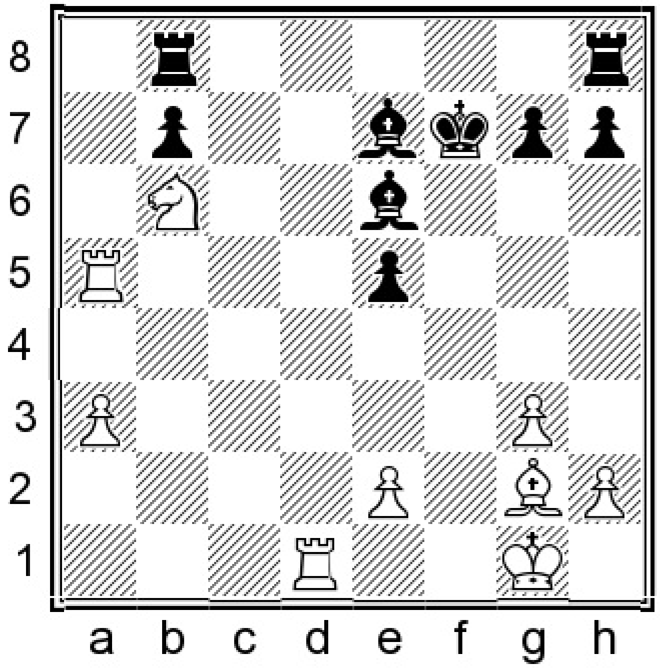
⌓22...♘a7 23.♖xa5 ♘c6 24.♖b5 ♘a7=

**23.fxe5 ♘xe5**

23...♖hd8 24.♖f1! ♘d4 25.exf6 ♘xb5 26.fxe7+ ♔xe7 27.♗xg7 ♖d2 28.♗f6+ ♔e8 29.♖f4↑

**24.♗xe5 fxe5 25.♖xe5**

25.♖xa5



25...♖hd8! 26.♖f1+ ♗f6 27.♖xe5 ♖d2 28.♗d5 ♖e8 29.e3 ♗xd5 30.♖xd5 ♖xd5 31.♘xd5 ♖a8 32.e4 ♖xa3 33.e5 ♖a5=

**25...♖hd8 26.♖f1+ ♗f6 27.♖xa5 ♔e7⊕**

27...♖d2 28.♘d5 ♖xe2 29.♘xf6 gxf6 30.♖b5 b6=

**28.♖b5**

28.♘d5+ ♗xd5 29.♗xd5 ♖a8 30.♖b5 ♖xa3 31.♖xb7+ ♖d7 32.♖fb1 ♖a1 33.♖xa1 ♗xa1 34.♖b5 ♔f6 35.e3 g6=

**28...♖d2 29.♗f3**

29.♘d5+ ♗xd5 30.♗xd5 ♖xe2 31.a4 ♗d4+ 32.♔h1 b6 33.a5 ♖c8⇄

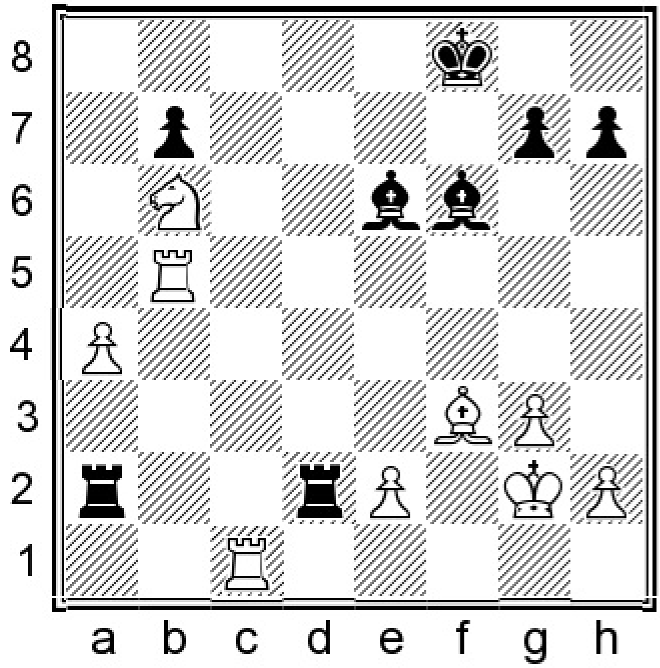
**29...♖a2**

29...♖bd8 30.♔g2 ♖b2 31.♖b1 ♖xb1 32.♖xb1 ♖d2 33.♘a4 ♗c4 34.♖xb7+ ♔f8 35.♔f2 ♗d4+ 36.♔e1 ♖a2 37.♖b4 ♗e3⇄

**30.a4 ♖d8 31.♖c1 ♔f8**

31...♖dd2 32.♖c7+ ♔d6 33.♖xb7 ♗d4+ 34.♔g2 ♖xe2+ 35.♗xe2 ♖xe2+ 36.♔f3 ♖xh2⇄

**32.♔g2 ♖dd2?**



32...g5 33.h3 ♗d4

**33.h4?!**

33.♖c7!± ∆♗d4 34.♖a5 ♖xe2+ 35.♗xe2 ♖xe2+ 36.♔f3+-

**33...♗d4! 34.♘d5**

34.♖f1 ♔e7 35.a5 ♗c3=

**34...♖xa4 35.♖xb7**

35.♘f4 ♗d7 36.♖xb7 ♖a7 37.♖b8+ ♔f7 38.h5±

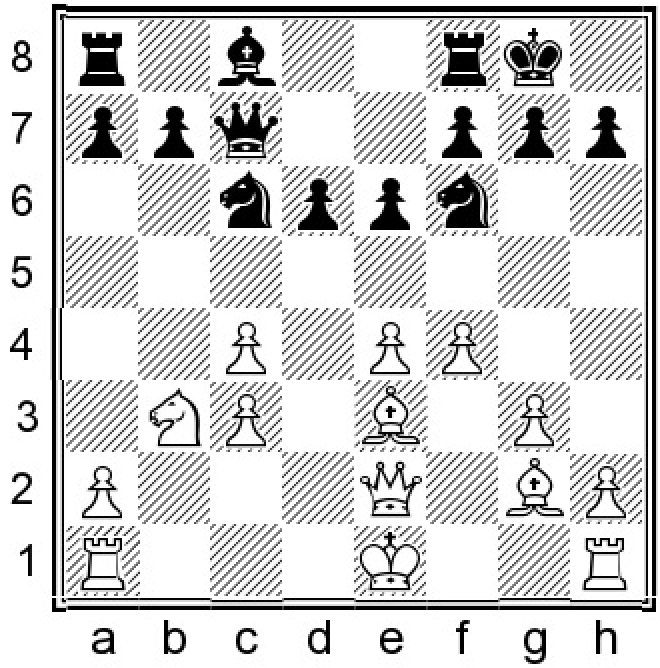
**35...♖xe2+! 36.♔h1 ♗xd5 37.♗xd5 ♖a1= 38.♖xa1 ♗xa1 39.♖f7+ 1/2-1/2**

**23. A33**
**Rohde, Michael (2343) - Martinez Alcantara, Jose Eduardo (2615)**
**New York 151/23, 2022**

**1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.g3 ♕b6 7.♘b3 ♘e5 8.e4 ♗b4 9.♕e2 d6 10.♗d2 O-O 11.f4 ♘c6 12.♗e3N**

12.♗g2 - 95/22

**12...♕c7 13.♗g2 ♗xc3+ 14.bxc3**



**14...e5**

14...b6! 15.♘d4 ♘xd4 16.cxd4 (16.♗xd4 e5 17.♗e3 ♗a6) 16...♗b7 17.d5 (17.♗d2 ♕c6! 18.d5 exd5 19.cxd5 ♕a4-+) 17...exd5 18.cxd5 ♖fe8∓

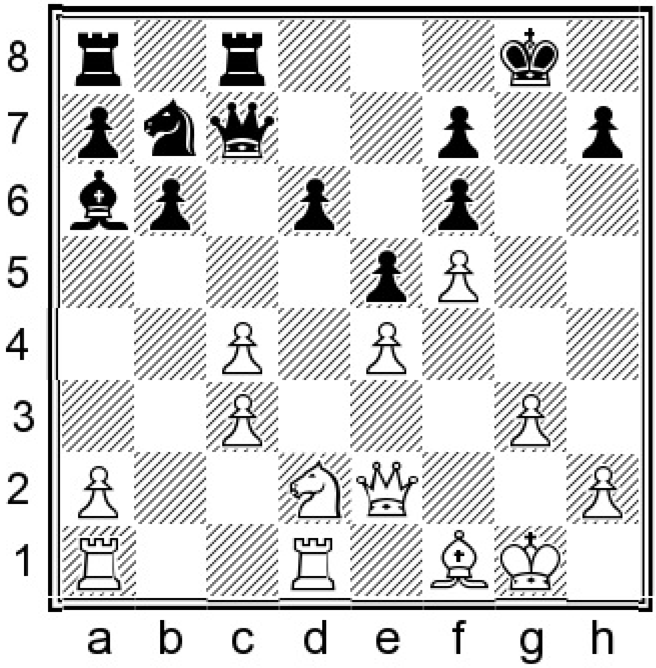
**15.O-O**

15.f5 b6 16.g4 ♗a6 17.g5 ♘e8 18.O-O ♘e7∞

**15...b6 16.f5 ♗a6 17.♗g5 ♖fc8! 18.♖fd1**

18.♗xf6 gxf6 19.♕h5 ♔g7! 20.♖f2 ♗xc4 21.♘d2 ♘a5 22.g4 h6∓

**18...♘d8! 19.♗xf6 gxf6 20.♗f1 ♘b7 21.♘d2**



**21...♔f8! 22.♔g2 ♔e7 23.♖ab1 ♕c6 24.♖b4 ♘c5 25.♕e3 ♗b7∓ 26.♖e1 ♖c7**

26...h5!? 27.♗e2 h4 28.g4 ♖h8 29.h3 ♖ac8→

**27.♕h6 ♖h8**

27...♖g8 28.♖e3 (28.♕xh7? ♖g4!-+ 29.♕h5 ♘xe4! 30.♕xg4 ♘xd2+ 31.♔h3 ♖c8) 28...♖cc8∓

**28.♔h3 ♕e8 29.♖e3 ♕g8 30.♗e2 ♕g5! 31.♕xg5 fxg5 32.♔g2 ♘d7 33.♔f2 ♘f6 34.h3 ♖c5 35.♖a4 ♖a8 36.♗d3 ♖c7 37.♖b4 ♘d7 38.♖e1 ♖ac8**

38...♗c6 39.♗e2 ♘f6 40.♔e3 h5 41.♖a1 h4 42.g4 ♘d7 43.♗d1 ♘c5 44.a4 ♗e8 45.♔e2 f6 46.♗c2 ♗f7∓

**39.♗f1 ♘b8 40.♖a4 ♗c6 41.♖b4 ♗e8**

41...h5! 42.♔e3 ♗e8 43.♗e2 f6 44.g4 h4 45.♖eb1 ♗f7∓

**42.♖b2 f6 43.♗e2 ♗f7 44.♘f1?**

44.g4⩱

**44...♗xc4-+ 45.♗xc4 ♖xc4 46.♘e3 ♖a4 47.♘d5+ ♔f7 48.♖d2 ♘a6 49.h4 g4 50.♘e3 ♘c5 51.♘xg4 h5 52.♘xf6 ♔xf6 53.♖xd6+ ♔e7 54.♖h6 ♘d3+ 0-1**

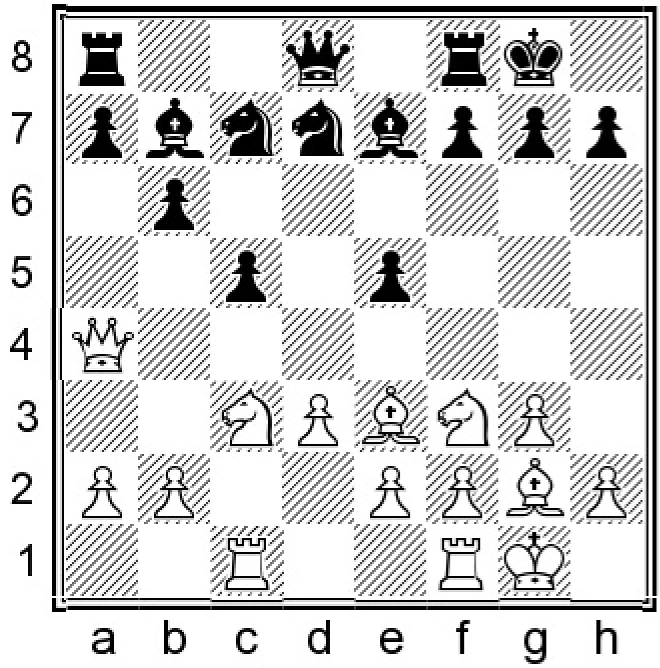
**24. * !N A34**
**Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2651) - Kosteniuk, Alexandra (2516)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/24, 2022**

**1.c4 c5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘c3 ♘c7 6.d3 e5 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.♖c1 ♘d7**

8...♘e6 - 41/45

**9.♘f3 O-O 10.O-O b6 11.♕a4 ♖b8**

11...♗b7



12.♖fd1!N (12.♘h4) 12...♖e8?! (12...♖b8 13.♗h3 b5 14.♕c2 f5 15.d4!? (15.♘e4!?) 15...exd4 16.♗xf5 g6 17.♗xg6 dxe3 18.♗xh7+ ♔h8 19.♗f5 exf2+ 20.♔xf2 ♗c8∞) 13.♘xe5 ♗xg2 14.♕xd7 (14.♘xd7) 14...♕xd7 15.♘xd7 ♗b7 16.♘e5 ♗f6 17.♘c4 ♖ad8 18.♔f1± Abdusattorov,N (2651)-Volokitin, A (2681) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 151/(24) 2022

**12.♖fd1N**

12.a3 a5 13.♘b5=

**12...h6 13.a3 a5 14.♘b5 ♘xb5 15.♕xb5 ♗d6 16.♘d2 ♖e8**

16...♘f6! 17.♘c4 ♘e8 18.♕a4 ♘f6 19.♕b5 ♘e8=

**17.♘c4 ♗c7 18.b4!± axb4 19.axb4 f5 20.♗d2 ♔h8 21.♖a1!**

21.♗c3 f4 22.♗b2→

**21...♘f8 22.bxc5 bxc5 23.♕xc5 ♘e6**

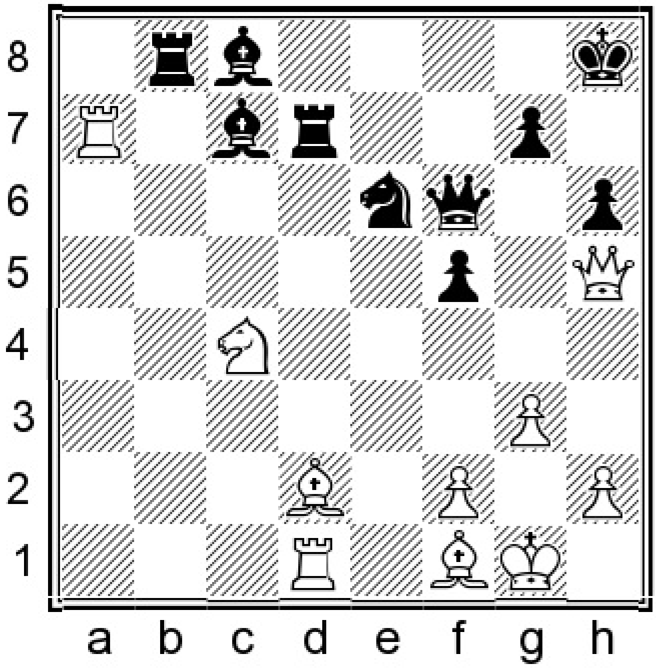
23...♗e6 24.♖a7 ♖c8 25.♗b7+-

**24.♕d5 ♕f6 25.♖a7?!**

25.♖db1 e4 26.dxe4 ♖d8 27.e5!+-

**25...♖d8 26.♕f3 e4! 27.♕h5 exd3 28.exd3 ♖xd3 29.♖e1**

29.♗f1! ♖d7



(29...♖d8 30.♖xc7! ♘xc7 31.♗c3 ♕e7 32.♕xh6+) 30.♗c3! ♕xc3 31.♕e8+ ♔h7 32.♖xd7 ♗xd7 33.♕xd7+-

**29...♗d7**

⌓29...♖d8 30.♖c1 ♖b3±

**30.♗f1± ♖xd2 31.♘xd2 ♕d4 32.♖a2 f4**

32...♘g5 33.♗g2

**33.♘f3+- ♕f6 34.♕d5 ♖d8 35.♖a8 ♖xa8 36.♕xa8+ ♘f8 37.♘h4 fxg3 38.hxg3 ♗d6 39.♗d3 g5 40.♘g6+ ♔g7 41.♘xf8 ♗xf8 42.♕e4 ♗c5 43.♖e2 ♗c6 44.♕h7+ ♔f8 45.♖c2**

45.♗e4 ♗xe4 46.♕xe4 ♔g7 47.♔g2 h5 48.♕d5

**45...♗b6 46.♗e4 ♗xe4 47.♖c8+ ♗d8 48.♕xe4 ♔g7 49.♕d5 1-0**

**25. * A35**
**Nguyen, Thai Dai Van (2613) - Bjerre, Jonas Buhl (2586)**
**Wijk aan Zee II 151/25, 2022**

**1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e3 e5 5.d4 e4 6.d5 exf3 7.dxc6 dxc6**

7...bxc6 - 144/13

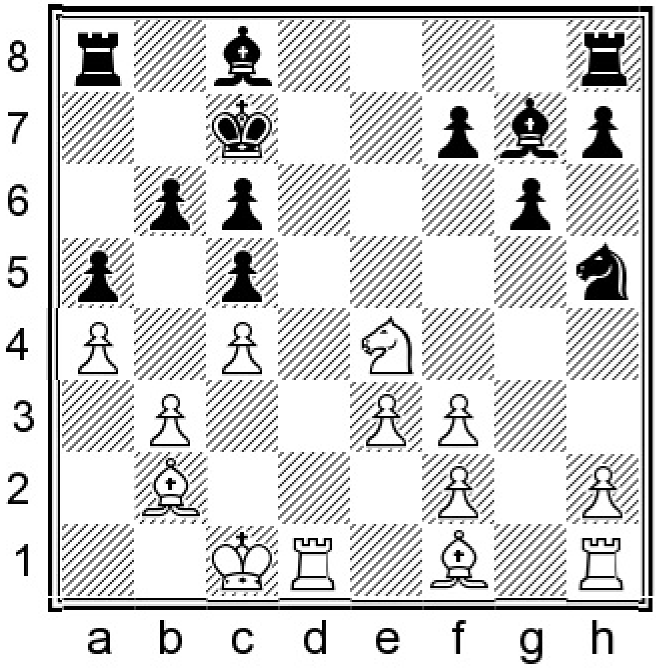
**8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.gxf3 g6 10.b3 ♗g7 11.♗b2 b6**

11...♔e7 12.♘e4 b6 13.O-O-ON (13.♗g2) 13...♗f5 14.♘g3 ♗e6 15.h4 ♖hd8 16.♖xd8 ♖xd8 17.h5 ♘e8 18.♗xg7 ♘xg7 19.hxg6 (19.f4 ♘f5 20.♘e4 ♘d6 21.♘d2 b5 22.♖g1 ♗f5 23.f3 ♗e6 24.e4 ♗d7 25.♖g5±) 19...hxg6 20.f4 ♘f5 21.♘e4 ♘d6 22.♘c3 a6 23.♗g2 b5 24.cxb5 cxb5 25.♘d5+= Stremavicius,T (2505)-Talukdar,R (2329) Charlotte 151/(25) 2022

**12.a4N**

12.O-O-O+

**12...a5 13.O-O-O+ ♔c7 14.♘e4 ♘h5**



**15.♗a3!? ♗d7**

15...♗f5 16.♗e2 ♘f6 17.♘g3 ♗e6 18.h4±

**16.♔c2 ♖ad8 17.♗d3 ♘f6 18.♘g3 ♗h3 19.♖hg1 ♖d7 20.♗b2 ♖hd8 21.♗e5+ ♔c8 22.♗e2 ♘h5 23.♖xd7 ♖xd7 24.f4↑ ♗xe5**

24...♘f6 25.♗f3 ♔b7 26.♗g2 ♗xg2 27.♖xg2 ♘e8 28.h4±

**25.fxe5 ♘g7 26.♔c3 ♖e7 27.f4 ♘e8 28.♘e4± ♗f5 29.♘g5 h6 30.♘f3 ♘g7 31.♗d3 ♗d7 32.e4 ♘h5 33.f5 ♗e8**

33...♘f4 34.e6! fxe6 35.fxg6 ♖g7 36.e5 ♔d8 37.♖g4±

**34.♔d2 ♖d7 35.♔e3 ♔d8 36.♗e2 gxf5 37.exf5 f6 38.e6+- ♖g7**

38...♖e7 39.♖g8 ♖g7 40.♖h8

**39.♖d1+ ♔e7 40.♗f1 ♖g8 41.♗h3 ♖g7 42.♘d2 ♘g3 43.♔f2 ♘h5 44.♔f3 ♖g8 45.♘e4 ♘g7 46.♖g1 ♗h5+ 47.♔f2 ♗e8 48.♗f1 ♗h5 49.♗d3 ♗e8 50.♗e2 1-0**

**26. A62**
**Lei, Tingjie (2505) - Atalik, Ekaterina (2420)**
**Riga 151/26, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 g6 6.♘c3 ♗g7 7.♗g2 O-O 8.♘f3 d6 9.O-O ♖e8 10.♗f4**

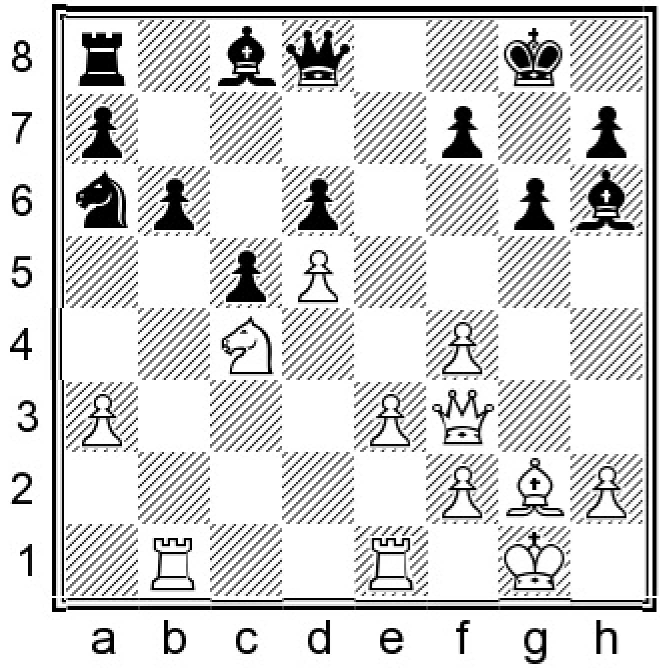
**♘e4 11.♘xe4 ♖xe4 12.♘d2 ♖b4 13.a3 ♖xf4 14.gxf4 ♗xb2 15.♖b1**

15.♖a2 - 32/126

**15...♗g7 16.♖e1N**

16.e4 ♘d7∞

**16...♗h6 17.e3 ♘a6 18.♕f3 b6 19.♘c4**

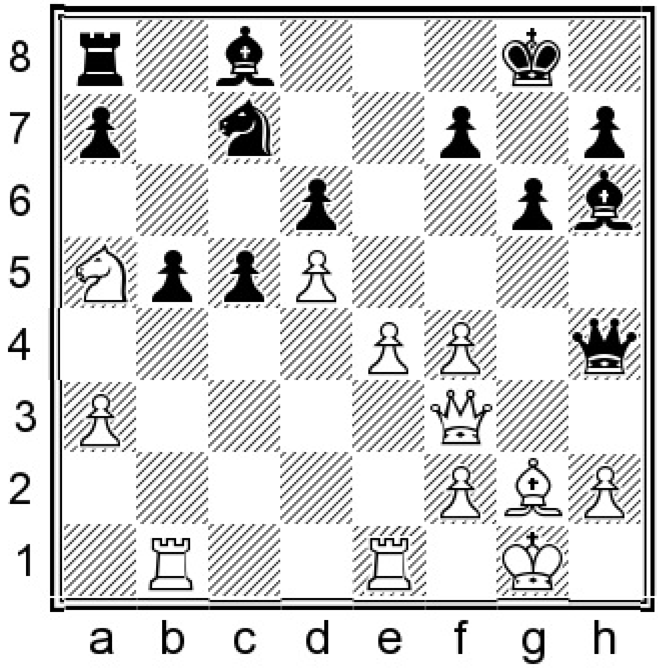


**19...♘c7**

19...♖b8! 20.e4 b5 21.♘e3 ♕h4 22.f5 ♗d7 23.e5!? (23.♗h3 ♗g7∞) 23...dxe5 24.d6 ♗f4 25.♘d5 ♗xh2+ 26.♔f1∞

**20.e4 ♘e8**

20...b5 21.♘a5 (21.♘xd6!?) 21...♕h4



22.♕g3! ♛xf4 23.e5 ♛xg3 24.hxg3 ♝f8 25.a4±

**21.e5?!**

21.♕g3! b5 22.♘e3 ♘g7 23.♗f3 a6 24.♖bd1±

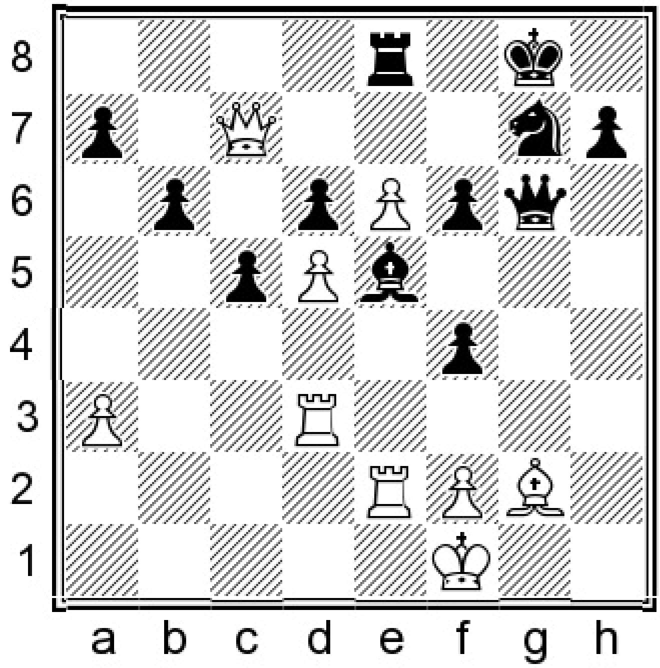
**21...♗f5 22.♖bd1 ♕h4 23.♘e3 ♗xf4 24.♘xf5 gxf5 25.e6 ♗xh2+ 26.♔f1 ♘g7 27.♖e2?**

27.♕d3! ♖e8 28.exf7+ ♔xf7 29.♖xe8 ♔xe8 30.♕a6 ♕f4∞

**27...f6**

27...♗e5!∓

**28.♕b3 ♗e5 29.♕b5 ♕h5 30.♕c6 ♖e8 31.♕c7 f4 32.♖d3 ♕g6?!**



32...♔h8 33.♖h3 ♕f5 34.♕f7 ♖g8∞

**33.♗e4?!**

33.♖h3! ♔h8 34.♗e4 f5 35.♗f3 ♖g8 36.♖e1±

**33...f5?**

33...♕h5 34.♗f3 ♕g6=

**34.♗g2 ♕f6 35.♕xa7 c4 36.♖d1**

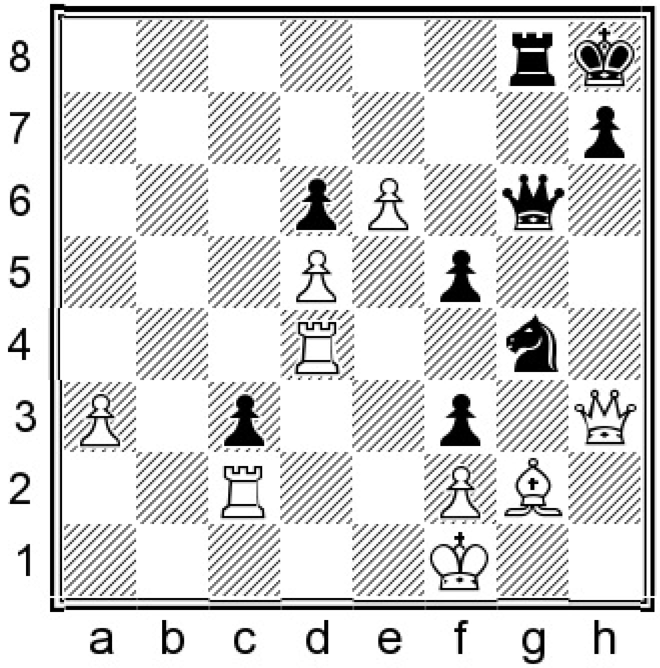
36.♖h3 c3 37.♗f3 ♖c8 38.♖c2±

**36...c3 37.♕xb6 ♕g6 38.♕b5 ♔h8 39.♕d3 ♖g8 40.♕f3?**

40.♗f3 ♘xe6 41.♖xe5 ♘c5 42.♕xf5 dxe5 43.♕xe5+ ♕g7 44.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 45.♖c1 ♘a4 46.d6 ♖d8 47.♗c6 ♘b6 48.♖xc3 ♖xd6=

**40...♘h5 41.♖c2 ♘f6 42.♖e1 ♘g4 43.♕h3 ♕g7**

43...♗d4! 44.♖d1 f3! 45.♖xd4



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**44.♗f3□ ♘e3+**

44...♗d4 45.♗xg4 (45.♕g2 ♕f6 46.e7 ♗e5 47.♗xg4 ♕xe7 48.♕f3 fxg4 49.♕xf4 g3∞) 45...fxg4 46.♕d3 f3 47.e7 ♗e5 48.♖xe5! ♕xe5 49.♕xc3 ♕xc3 50.♖xc3∞

**45.fxe3 ♕g1+ 46.♔e2 ♕xe3+ 47.♔d1 ♕d3+?**

47...♖g1 48.♖xg1 ♕xg1+ 49.♔e2 ♕e3+ 50.♔d1 (50.♔f1? ♕d3+ 51.♔e1 (51.♖e2 c2-+) 51...♕xc2 52.e7 ♕c1+ 53.♔e2 ♕e3+ 54.♔f1 ♗f6-+) 50...♕g1+=

**48.♔c1 ♗d4**

48...♖b8 49.♕f1+-

**49.♗g2?**

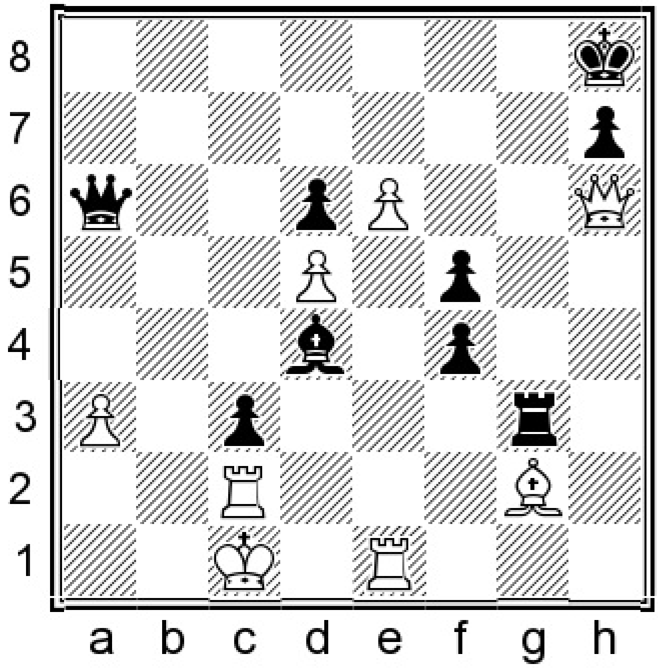
49.♖h1! ♖g7 50.e7! ♖xe7 51.♕h6!+- ♗e3+ (51...♖g7 52.♕e6+-) 52.♔b1 ♖b7+ 53.♔a1 ♖g7 54.♖b1

**49...♖g3?**

49...♕a6! 50.♖xc3 (50.♗f1 ♕xa3+ 51.♔d1 ♕b3 52.♕d3 ♕b1+ 53.♖c1 ♕b3+ 54.♕c2 ♕xd5∞; 50.♖a2 ♕c4 51.♖ee2 ♗e3+ 52.♖xe3 fxe3 53.♕xe3 ♕xa2 54.♕xc3+ ♖g7 55.♗f3 ♕f2=) 50...♕a5! 51.♖h1 (51.♔c2 ♖xg2+ 52.♕xg2 ♕xc3+ 53.♔d1 ♕d3+=) 51...♕xc3+ 52.♕xc3 ♗xc3 53.♗h3±

**50.♕h6 ♗e3+**

50...♕a6



51.♖a2!+-

**51.♔b1 ♖xg2 52.♕f8+ ♖g8 53.♕f6+ ♖g7 54.e7 ♕b5+**

54...♕e4 55.♕f8+ ♖g8 56.♔a1!+-

**55.♔a1 ♕e8 56.♖xc3 ♗d2 57.♖c8 1-0**

**27. A87**
**Korobov, Anton (2684) - Paravyan, David (2642)**
**Riga 151/27, 2021**

**1.d4 f5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 g6 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.O-O O-O 6.b3 d6 7.♗b2 a5 8.c4 a4 9.bxa4**

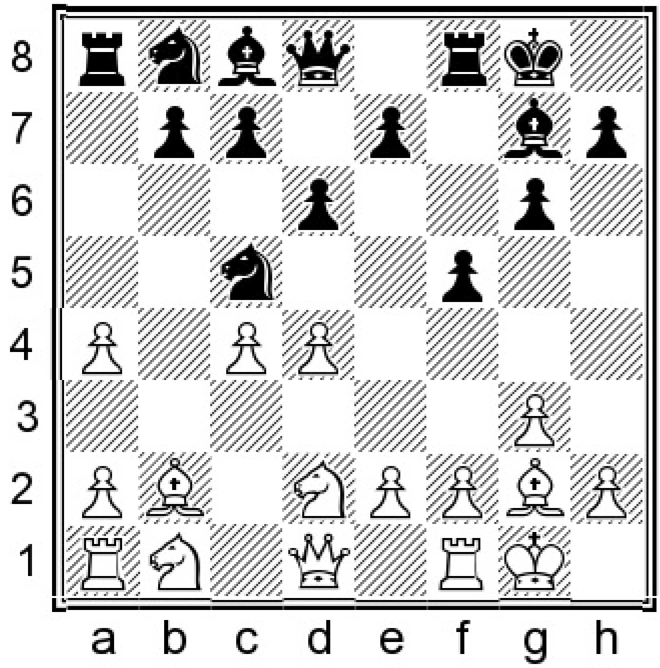
9.♘bd2 - 50/107

**9...♘e4 10.♘fd2N**

10.♘c3

**10...♘xd2**

10...♘c5



11.a5! ♘c6 (11...♖xa5? 12.♗c3+-) 12.e3 ♘xa5 13.♕c2 ♘d7 14.♘c3 e5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.♘b5 c6 17.♘d6 ♘c5 18.♘xc8 ♕xc8 19.♗a3 b6 20.♗xc5 bxc5 21.e4 f4 22.♘f3±

**11.♘xd2 e5 12.c5!?**

12.dxe5 dxe5 13.♗d5+ ♔h8 14.♗a3 ♖f6 15.♖b1 c6 16.♗g2 ♕c7 17.c5 ♗e6 18.♕c2 ♘d7 19.♖fd1 e4 20.♘c4±

**12...e4**

12...exd4 13.♕b3+ ♔h8 14.cxd6 ♕xd6 15.♗a3 c5 16.♘c4 ♕e7 17.♘b6 ♖a5 18.♖ac1 ♗e6 19.♕c2 ♘a6 20.♕d2±

**13.cxd6 cxd6**

13...♕xd6 14.e3 ♗e6 15.♕c2 ♖c8 16.f3! exf3 17.♗xf3 c6 18.a5! ♖xa5 19.♘c4 ♗xc4 20.♕xc4+±

**14.♘c4**

14.f3!?±

**14...♘c6**

14...d5 15.♘e5 ♘c6 16.e3 ♕a5 17.♕b3 ♖d8 18.♖fc1 ♗xe5 19.dxe5 ♕xa4 20.♕xa4 ♖xa4 21.♗f1±

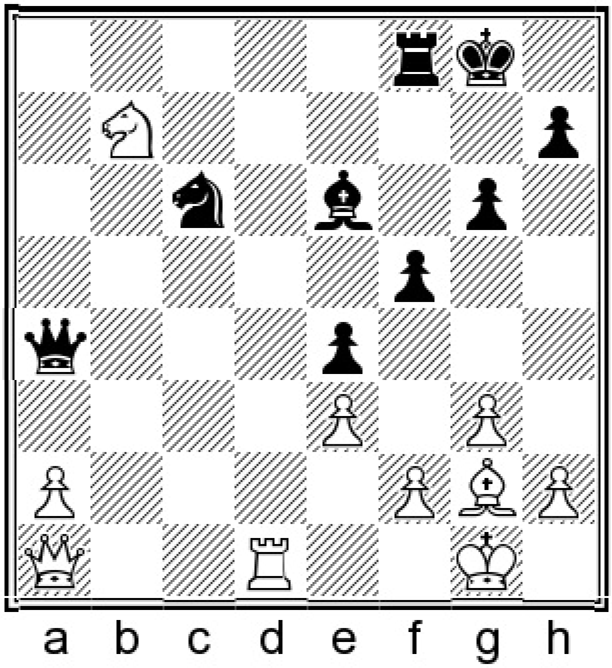
**15.♗a3 ♗xd4?!**

15...♘xd4 16.♖b1±

**16.♘xd6 ♗e6 17.♘xb7 ♕d5 18.♗xf8 ♗xa1 19.♕xa1 ♖xf8 20.♖d1 ♕c4**

20...♕xa2 21.♕xa2 ♗xa2 22.f3! ♗b3 23.♖a1 ♘d4 24.fxe4 ♘xe2+ 25.♔h1 fxe4 26.♘c5+-

**21.e3 ♕xa4**



**22.♘c5?!**

22.♗f1! ♕xa2 23.♕c3 ♘e7 24.♕e5 ♘c6 25.♕d6+-

**22...♕xa2 23.♕c3 ♕c4 24.♕a3 ♘e5?!**

24...♕a2! 25.♕c1 ♕c4 26.♗f1 ♕xc1 27.♖xc1 ♘d8!

**25.♗f1! ♘d3 26.♘xe6 ♕xe6 27.♗xd3 exd3 28.♖xd3 ♕f6 29.♕b3+ ♔h8 30.♖d7+- ♕a1+ 31.♔g2 ♕a8+ 32.♔h3 ♕c6 33.♕b2+ ♕f6 34.♕b7 h5**

34...h6 35.♖h7+ ♔g8 36.♖xh6 ♕f7 37.♕c6 ♔g7 38.♖h4

**35.♔g2 ♔g8 36.h4 ♕e5 37.♕c6 ♖f6 38.♕c4+ ♕e6 39.♕c8+ ♖f8 40.♖g7+ 1-0**

# B00-B24

**28. B07**
**Bruzon Batista, Lazaro (2636) - Almeida Quintana, Omar (2535)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 151/28, 2022**

**1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.♗e3 a6 5.a4 ♘f6 6.h3 O-O 7.g4 ♘c6**

7...e5 - 123/40

**8.♗g2 e5 9.♘ge2 exd4 10.♘xd4 ♖e8 11.O-O ♘xd4N**

11...♗d7

**12.♗xd4 ♗d7 13.♕d3**

13.f4 c5 14.♗f2 (14.♗xf6 ♗xf6! (14...♕xf6? 15.e5±) 15.♕xd6 ♗d4+ 16.♔h1 ♗c6 17.♕xd8 ♖axd8 18.e5 ♗xc3 19.bxc3 ♖d2 20.♗xc6 bxc6=) 14...♗c6 15.♖e1 ♕b6∞

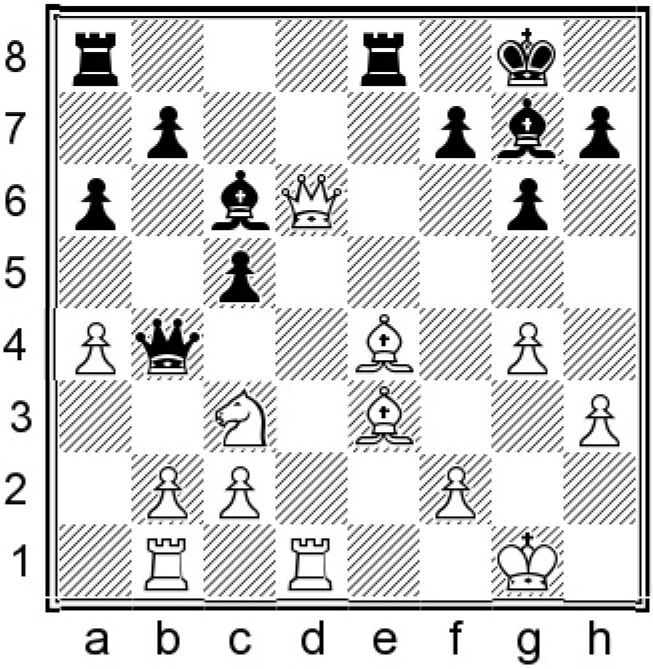
**13...c5 14.♗e3 ♗c6 15.♖fd1 ♕b6⇄ 16.♖ab1**

16.♗f4 ♖ad8 17.♗xd6 h5 (17...♗f8 18.a5 ♕b4 19.e5 ♖xe5 20.♗xe5 ♖xd3 21.♖xd3 c4 22.♖dd1 ♕e7 23.♗g3 h6∞) 18.a5 ♕b4 19.e5 ♘xg4 20.hxg4 ♗xe5 21.♘d5 ♕xg4 22.♗xe5 ♖xd5 23.♕xd5 ♖xe5 24.♕d8+ ♔g7 25.f3! ♗xf3 26.♖d2 ♖d5! 27.♕xd5 ♗xd5 28.♖xd5 h4 29.♖a3 f5∞

**16...♕b4 17.♕xd6**

17.♗d2 ♕d4=

**17...♘xe4 18.♗xe4**



18.♘xe4 ♗xe4 19.♗xc5 ♕xa4 20.b3 ♕a5 21.♗xe4 ♖xe4=

**18...♖xe4! 19.♘d5**

19.♕xc5 ♕xc5 20.♗xc5 ♗xc3 21.bxc3 ♖xa4 22.♗d4 a5∓

**19...♕c4 20.♕xc5 ♕e2 21.♖d3?**

21.♗d4 ♗xd5 22.♕xd5 ♕f3 (22...♖ae8 23.♗xg7 ♔xg7 24.♕xb7 ♖f4 25.♕g2 ♕xc2 26.♕g3 ♖f6 27.b3 ♖e2 28.♖bc1 ♕b2 29.♖b1 ♕c2 30.♖bc1=) 23.♗c3! ♗xc3 24.♕d3! ♕xd3 (24...♕f4 25.bxc3=) 25.cxd3 ♖xa4 26.bxc3 b5 27.♖b4 ♖a3 28.c4=

**21...♖e5! 22.♖bd1 ♕f3-+ 23.♗g5**

23.♗h6 ♖xd5 24.♖xd5 ♗xd5-+

**23...♖xd5 24.♖xd5 ♖e8 25.c4 h6 26.♗e3 ♕xh3 27.b3**

27.♗f4 ♕xg4+ 28.♗g3 h5

**27...♖e4 28.♖1d4 ♗xd4 29.♖d8+ ♔h7 0-1**

**29. B08**
**Bacrot, Etienne (2642) - Grischuk, Alexander (2764)**
**Berlin 151/29, 2022**

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♗e2 O-O 6.O-O a6 7.a4 b6 8.♖e1 e6**

8...♗b7 - 103/65

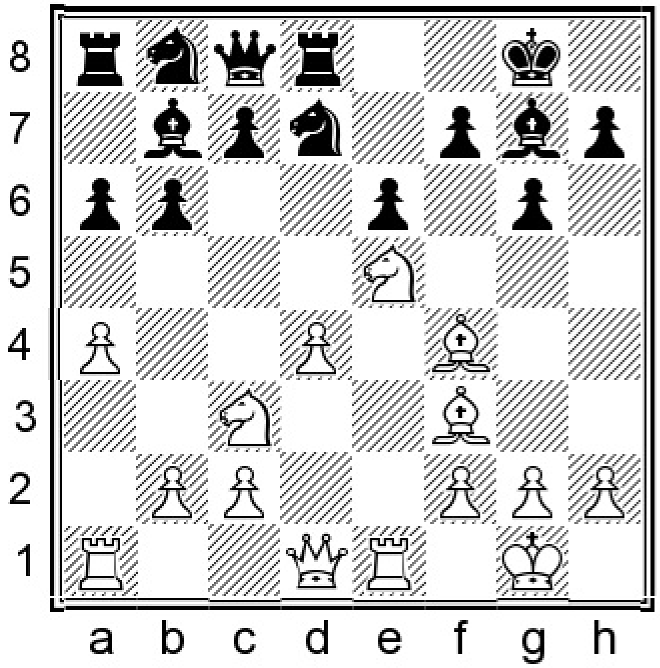
**9.e5 dxe5 10.♘xe5 ♗b7 11.♗f3 ♕c8 12.♗g5 ♘fd7**

12...♘bd7?! 13.♘c6±

**13.♗f4N**

13.♗xb7

**13...♖d8?!**



13...♘xe5 14.dxe5 (14.♗xe5 ♘d7 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.♗xb7 ♕xb7 17.♕e2±) 14...♘c6 15.♕c1 ♖d8 16.h4±

**14.♘g4! ♖f8**

14...♘c6 15.♗h6 (15.d5 ♘d4 16.♘h6+ ♗xh6 17.♗xh6 e5 18.♗g4 f5 19.♗e2 c5 20.♗c4±) 15...♗xh6 16.♘xh6+ ♔g7 17.♕d2 ♘f6 18.d5! exd5 19.♘xd5 ♘xd5 20.♘xf7! ♔xf7 (20...♘d4 21.♕xd4+ ♔xf7 22.♖e5 ♕d7 23.♖d1+-) 21.♗xd5+ ♖xd5 22.♕xd5+ ♔g7 23.♖ad1+-

**15.d5 h5 16.♘e5**

16.♘h6+! ♔h7 (16...♗xh6 17.♗xh6 ♖e8 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.♕d3+-) 17.♘xf7 ♖xf7 18.dxe6 ♖xf4 19.exd7 ♘xd7 20.♗xb7 ♕xb7 21.♕xd7+-

**16...♘xe5 17.♗xe5 f6**

17...♗xe5 18.♖xe5 ♘d7 19.♖g5 exd5 20.♗xd5 ♗xd5 21.♘xd5±

**18.d6**

18.♗e4 fxe5 19.♗xg6 ♘d7 20.dxe6 ♘f6 21.♖xe5 ♘g4 22.♗f7+ ♖xf7 23.exf7+ ♔xf7 24.♖xh5±; 18.♗g3! e5 19.♕d3 ♕e8 20.d6 ♗xf3 21.♕xf3 ♖a7 22.♖ad1±

**18...fxe5 19.d7 ♘xd7 20.♗xb7 ♕xb7 21.♕xd7 ♕c8 22.♕c6 ♖f7 23.♖ad1 ♕e8 24.♕e4?!**

24.♕c4 b5 (24...a5 25.♘e4±) 25.axb5 axb5 26.♕d3 ♖f4 27.♘e4±

**24...♖f4 25.♕b7**

25.♕e2 ♕c6 26.♖d3 ♖af8∞

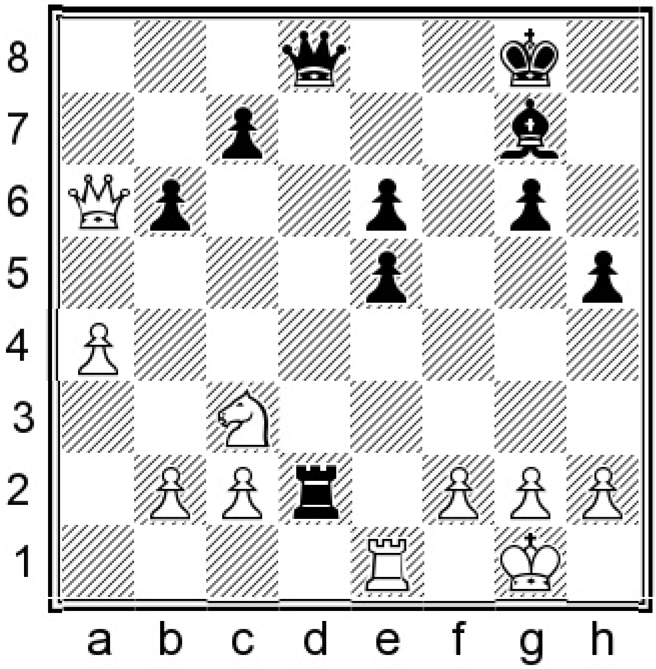
**25...♖c4!= 26.♕f3**

26.♖e2 ♕c6 27.♕xc6 ♖xc6 28.♖d7 e4 29.♘xe4 ♗xb2=

**26...♖d8**

⌓26...♕c6 27.♖e4 ♖d4 28.♖exd4 ♕xf3 29.♖d8+ ♖xd8 30.♖xd8+ ♕f8 31.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 32.♘e4 ♔e7=

**27.♖xd8 ♕xd8 28.♕e2 ♖d4 29.♕xa6 ♖d2**



**30.♕c4**

30.♘e4! ♖xc2 31.♕b5 ♕d4 32.♕e8+ ♔h7 33.h4 ♔h6 34.♕e7 ♖e2! 35.♖xe2 ♕d1+ 36.♔h2 ♕xe2 37.♕b4±

**30...♕d4 31.♕xe6+ ♔h7 32.♕f7 ♕f4 33.♕xf4 exf4 34.♖c1 ♗xc3 35.bxc3 1/2-1/2**

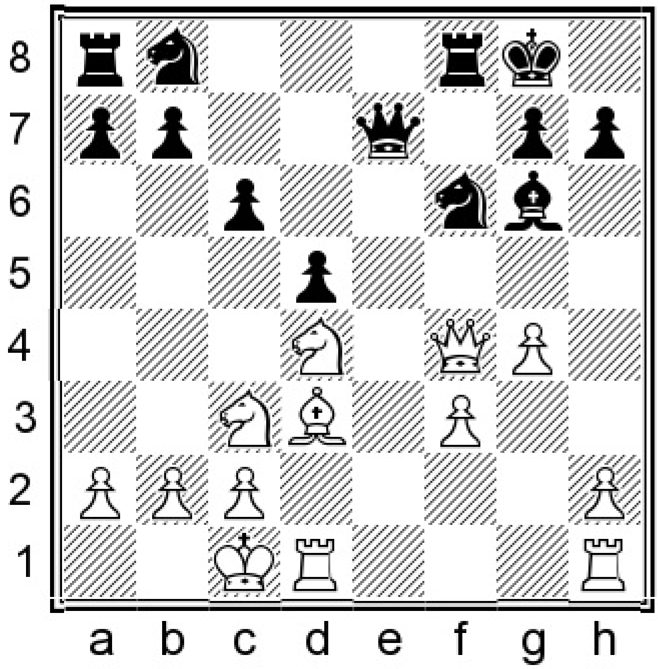
**30. *** B12**
**Hauge, Lars Oskar (2490) - Howell, David (2648)**
**Terme Catez 151/30, 2021**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.g4 ♗e4 5.f3 ♗g6 6.e6 ♕d6 7.exf7+ ♗xf7 8.♘c3**

8.♘h3 - 133/47

**8...♘d7** - 151/30

8...e5 - 151/(30) 9.dxe5 ♕xe5+ 10.♘ge2 ♗d6 11.♗f4 ♕e7 12.♕d2 ♗xf4 13.♕xf4 ♘f6 14.O-O-O O-O 15.♘d4 ♗g6 16.♗d3



16...♗xd3? (16...♘e4! 17.♕e3 ♕g5 18.♕xg5 ♘xg5 19.♗xg6 hxg6∞) 17.♖he1! ♘e4 18.♕e3 ♕f7 19.fxe4 ♗xe4 20.♘xe4 dxe4 21.♕xe4 (21.♘f5! ♘d7 22.♕g5! ♕f6 (22...♔h8 23.♖xe4 ♖ae8 24.♖xe8 ♖xe8 25.♕xg7+! ♕xg7 26.♘xg7+-) 23.♕xg7+! ♕xg7 24.♘xg7 ♘f6 25.♘e6 ♖f7 26.♘c5±) 21...♘d7 22.♕e6 ♘f6 23.h3 1/2 (23) Kozak,A (2516)-Deac,B (2643) Romania 151/(30) 2021

**9.f4 e6N**

9...g5!? - 151/(30) 10.fxg5 O-O-O 11.♗e3 ♗g7 12.♕d2 e5 13.O-O-O ♘e7 14.♘f3 ♖hf8 Nihal,S (2620)-Abdusattorov, N (2634) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/(30) 2021 (14...♖hf8 15.dxe5 ♘xe5 16.♗f4 ♘7g6 17.♗g3↑)

**10.♗e3** - 151/30

10.♘f3N ♕c7 11.♗d3 ♗d6 12.♘g5 h5 13.♗d2 ♘f8 14.♖f1 hxg4 15.♕xg4 ♗h5 16.♕g2 ♘e7 17.♘e2 ♕d7?! (17...♗g6 18.♗xg6+ ♘exg6 19.O-O-O O-O-O±) 18.♘g3 ♗g6 19.♗xg6+ ♘exg6 20.O-O-O O-O-O? (20...♘h4 21.♕h3 g6 (21...♘hg6 22.♘h5 O-O-O 23.♖de1↑) 22.♘h1! Δ Nf2-g4) 21.f5! ♘h4 22.♕h3 e5 23.dxe5 ♗xe5 24.♘e6± Grandelius, N (2662)-Keymer,V (2630) Riga 151/(30) 2021

**10...h5 11.g5 ♘e7 12.♕d2 ♕c7 13.O-O-O ♗g6 14.♘f3 ♘f5 15.♗d3 ♗b4 16.a3 ♗xc3**

16...♗a5!?

**17.♕xc3 O-O 18.♗d2 b6 19.♖de1 ♖fe8 20.♖e2±** [×e6] **20...♕d6 21.♖he1 a5 22.♘e5**

22.♗xf5!? ♗xf5 23.♘h4 ♗e4 24.f5 exf5 25.♘xf5 ♕g6 26.♘g3±

**22...♘xe5 23.♖xe5 ♔f7**

23...c5!? 24.dxc5 bxc5 25.♖1e2!? Δ Be1-f2

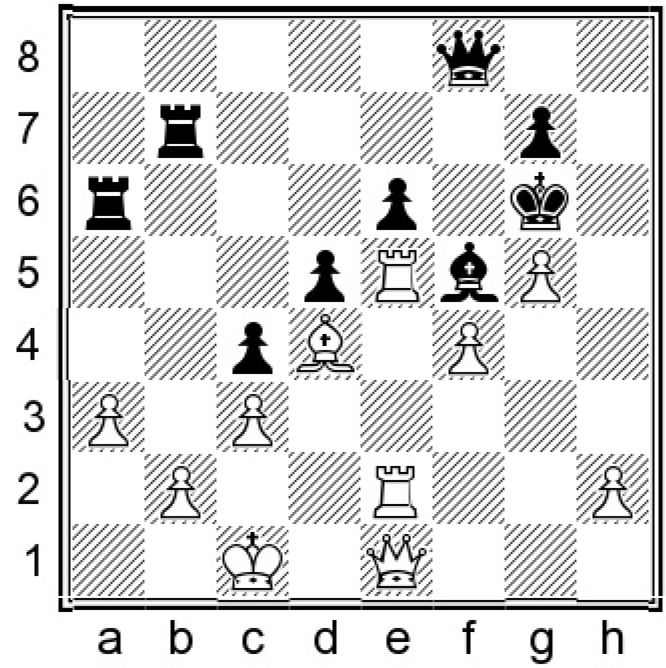
**24.♕b3 ♖ab8 25.c3 c5 26.♕a4 ♖e7 27.dxc5 bxc5 28.♕xa5 c4 29.♗xf5**

29.♗c2 ♕c6=∞

**29...♗xf5 30.♗e3 ♖eb7 31.♖e2 ♔g6 32.♗d4 ♖c8 33.♕a4 h4?**

33...♖cb8⇄

**34.♕d1 ♖a8 35.♕e1 ♖a6 36.♕xh4 ♕f8 37.♕e1**



37.♕g3±

**37...♔h7?**

37...♖xa3! 38.bxa3 ♖b1+ 39.♔d2 ♖xe1 40.♔xe1 ♗g4 41.♖b2 ♕xa3 42.♖b7 ♔h5 43.♖xg7 ♕c1+ 44.♔f2 ♕xf4+ 45.♔g1 ♕c1+ 46.♔f2=

**38.g6+! ♗xg6 39.♕h4+ ♔g8 40.♖g5! ♖xa3**

40...♕e7 41.♕g4+-

**41.♖xg6 ♖a1+ 42.♔d2 ♕f5**

42...♖xb2+ 43.♔e3 e5 44.♗xe5 d4+ 45.♔f2 ♖xe2+ 46.♔xe2 d3+ 47.♔f2 d2 48.♕g4 d1=♘+ 49.♔g3+-

**43.♕d8+ ♔h7 44.♖h6+! gxh6 45.♕h8+ ♔g6 46.♖g2+ ♔h5 47.♖g5+! ♕xg5 48.fxg5+- ♖xb2+ 49.♔e3 ♔g4 50.h3+ ♔xh3 51.♕xh6+ ♔g2 52.♕h4 ♖f1 53.♕g4+ ♔h1 54.♕h3+ ♔g1 55.♕xe6 ♖ff2 56.♕g4+ ♔f1 57.♕d1+ ♔g2 58.g6 ♖b8 59.♕g4+ ♔f1 60.♕h3+ ♔e1 61.♕h1+ ♖f1 62.♕h2 ♖e8+ 63.♗e5 d4+ 64.cxd4 1-0**

**31. B12**
**Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752) - Harikrishna, Penteala (2717)**
**Berlin 151/31, 2022**

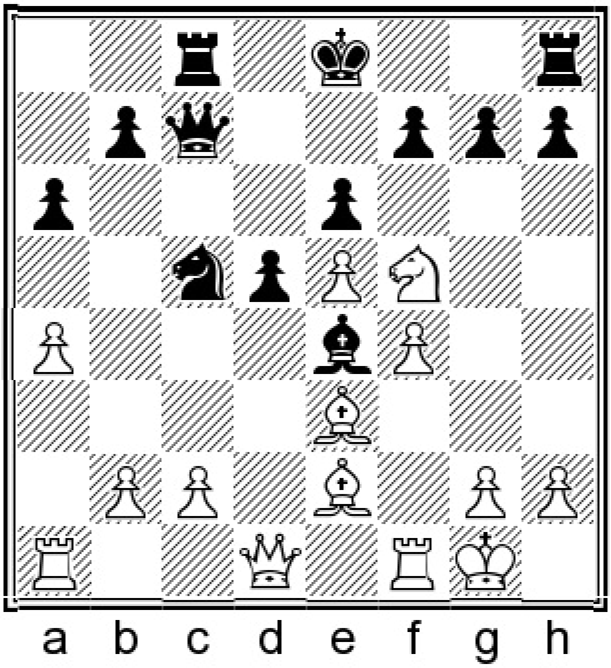
**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘d2 e6 5.♘b3 ♘d7 6.♘f3 ♕c7 7.♗e2 c5**

7...f6 - 109/53

**8.dxc5 ♗xc5 9.♘xc5 ♘xc5 10.♗e3 ♘e7 11.♘d4 a6 12.a4 ♖c8 13.f4 ♗e4 14.O-O ♘f5N**

14...O-O

**15.♘xf5**



15.♗f2 ♕e7 16.a5 (16.♕d2 O-O 17.b4 ♘d7∞) 16...g5! 17.b4 ♘d7 18.♗d3 gxf4 19.♕g4 ♘xe5 20.♕xf4 ♗xd3 21.cxd3 ♘xd3 22.♕d2 ♘xf2 23.♘xf5 exf5 24.♖xf2 O-O 25.♖xf5 ♖c4=

**15...exf5! 16.c3**

16.c4 d4! 17.♕xd4 (17.♗xd4? ♖d8-+) 17...♘b3 18.♕d6 ♘xa1 19.♖xa1 h5∞

**16...O-O 17.a5 ♕c6 18.♗d4 h6 19.♖f2 ♘e6 20.♖a4 ♕c7 21.♗b6 ♕e7 22.♗f3 ♖c6 23.g3 f6! 24.♗xe4**

24.exf6 ♕xf6 25.♖d2 ♖f7 26.♖b4 ♔h7 27.♗xe4 dxe4 28.♖d5 ♘c7 29.♖d8 ♘e6 30.♖d5 ♘c7=

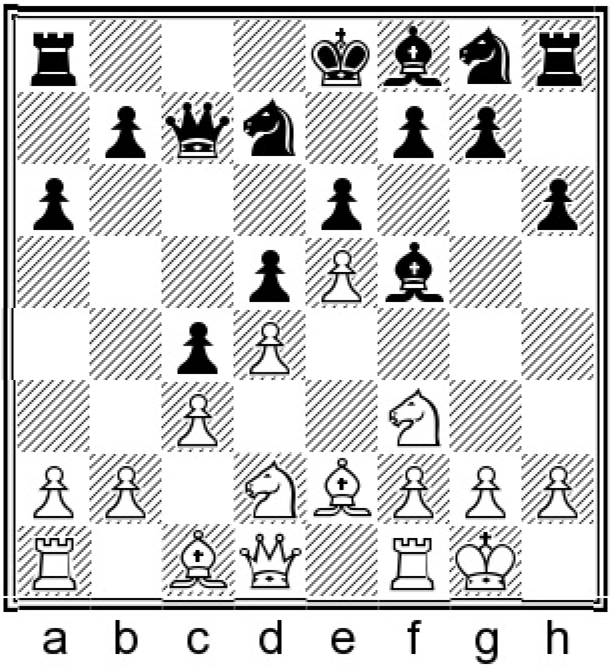
**24...dxe4 25.exf6 ♕xf6 26.♕d5 ♕f7 27.♖c4 ♖xc4 28.♕xc4 ♕d7= 29.♗e3 ♕d1+ 30.♖f1 ♕d7 31.♖f2 ♕d1+ 32.♖f1 ♕d7 33.♖f2 1/2-1/2**

**32. !N B12**
**Mamedov, Nidjat (2604) - Suleymanli, Aydin Elshan (2530)**
**Azerbaijan 151/32, 2022**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘d2 e6 5.♘b3 ♘d7 6.♘f3 ♕c7 7.♗e2 a6**

7...c5 - 151/31

**8.O-O c5 9.c3 c4 10.♘bd2 h6**



**11.♘e1!N**

11.♖e1

**11...♘e7 12.♘c2 g5 13.♘e3 ♗g6 14.b3 cxb3 15.c4!**

15.♘xb3 ♕xc3 16.♗d2 ♕c7 17.♗h5⩱

**15...dxc4**

15...bxa2 16.cxd5 ♘xd5 17.♘xd5 exd5 18.♖xa2 ♗e7 19.♖e1 O-O 20.♘f1 (20.h4±) 20...♗b4 21.♗d2 ♗xd2 22.♖xd2 a5 23.♘e3±

**16.♘dxc4± ♘c6**

16...♗c2 17.♕d2 ♘d5 18.♘xd5 exd5 19.♘e3 ♘b6 20.axb3 ♗xb3 21.♗b2±; 16...♘f5 17.♘xf5 ♗xf5 18.♕xb3 ♗e4 19.♗a3±

**17.♗b2**

17.d5!? ♘cxe5 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.♗b2 ♘xc4 20.♗xc4 ♖h7 21.♗xe6+-

**17...b5 18.♘d6+ ♗xd6 19.exd6 ♕xd6 20.d5 ♘ce5 21.♕d4**

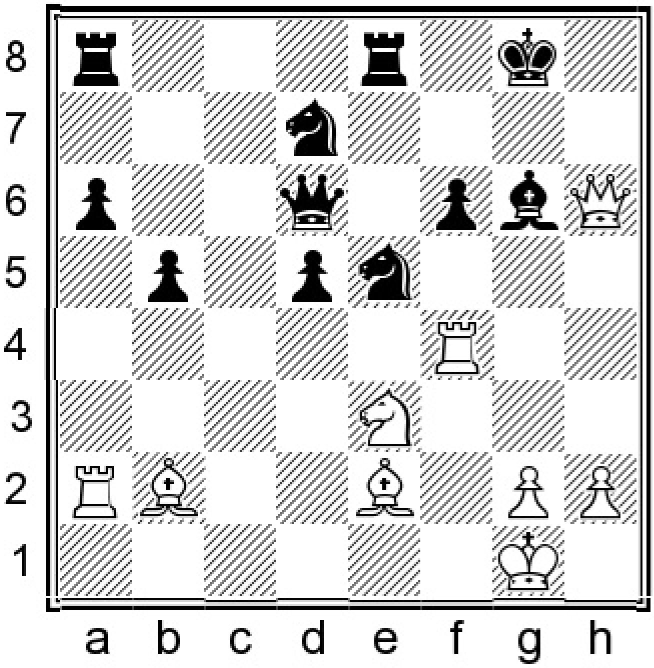
21.axb3 O-O 22.♕d4 ♖fe8 23.f4 gxf4 24.♕xf4 exd5 25.♕xh6 d4 26.♘f5 ♕f6 27.♕h3±

**21...O-O 22.f4**

22.axb3 - 21.ab3

**22...gxf4 23.♕xf4 ♘c4**

23...bxa2 24.♖xa2 h5 (24...exd5 25.♕xh6 ♖fe8 26.♖f4 f6



27.♖g4!+-) 25.♗a3+-

**24.♕xd6 ♘xd6 25.dxe6 ♖ae8 26.♗g4! ♘b6**

26...fxe6 27.♖fd1+-

**27.axb3 f5 28.♖xa6**

28.♗f3 ♖xe6 29.♘d5 ♘e4 30.♖xa6+-

**28...fxg4 29.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 30.♖xb6 ♖xe6 31.♘xg4+- ♗f5 32.♘e5 ♔g8**

32...♔e8 33.♘f3 ♗e4 34.♘d4 ♖g6 35.♗a3

**33.h3 ♗c2 34.b4 ♗b3 35.♔h2 ♗d5 36.♗a1 ♔f8 37.♘d3 ♗c4 38.♘c5 ♖e1 39.♗c3 1-0**

**33. B12**
**Bruzon Batista, Lazaro (2636) - Dragun, Kamil (2579)**
**Dulles 151/33, 2022**

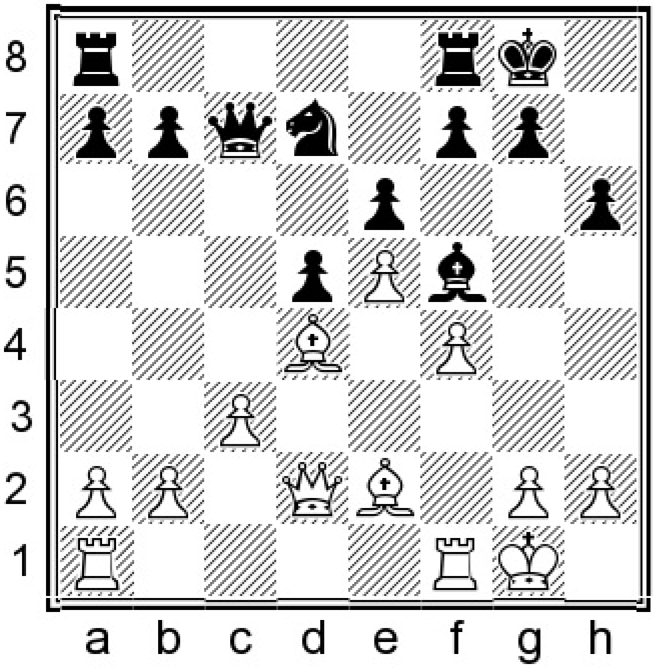
**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘d2 e6 5.♘b3 ♘d7 6.♘f3 c5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 8.♘xc5 ♘xc5 9.♗e2 ♘e7 10.♘d4 h6N**

10...O-O - 147/25

**11.♗e3 ♘d7 12.f4 ♗e4 13.O-O O-O 14.c3 ♘f5 15.♘xf5 ♗xf5**

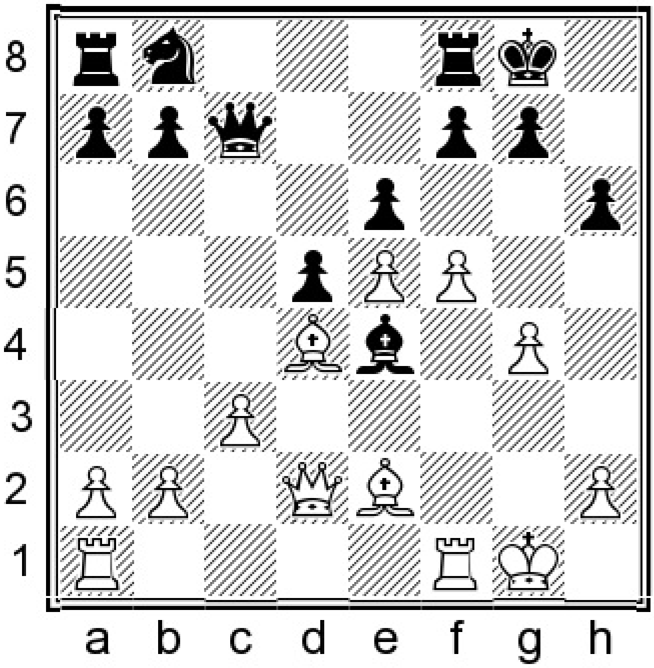
15...exf5 16.♗f3 ♕c8 17.♖f2 ♖d8 18.♖d2±

**16.♗d4 ♕c7 17.♕d2**



17.♗g4!? ♗e4 (17...♗xg4 18.♕xg4 ♖ae8 19.h3 ♘c5 20.f5 exf5 21.♖xf5 ♖e6 22.♖af1±) 18.♕e1 ♘b8 19.f5 exf5 20.♗xf5 ♘c6! 21.♗xe4 dxe4 22.♕xe4 ♖fe8 23.♖ae1 ♖e6 24.♕f5 ♖ae8 25.♖e4 ♘xe5 26.♖fe1 f6=

**17...♘b8! 18.g4 ♗e4 19.f5?!**



19.♖ae1 ♖c8 20.♗f2 ♘c6∞

**19...exf5! 20.gxf5 ♘c6 21.f6**

21.♕f4 ♖ae8 22.♗c5 (22.♗g4 ♘xe5 23.f6 g5 24.♕g3 - 21.f6) 22...♖xe5 23.♗xf8 ♔xf8∓

**21...g5**

21...♘xe5 22.♕f4 ♖ae8 23.fxg7 ♔xg7∓

**22.♕e3 ♘xe5 23.♕g3 ♖ae8 24.♖ae1?!**

24.♗g4 ♕b8 25.♗f5 ♘g6∓

**24...♔h7 25.♗b5**

25.♗h5 ♕b8 26.♖e3 ♘c4 27.♕xb8 ♖xb8 28.♖e2 ♗g6-+

**25...♖e6-+ 26.♖xe4**

26.c4 ♕d6! 27.b4 (27.c5 ♕b8-+) 27...♘f3+ 28.♖xf3 ♗xf3 29.♕xd6 ♖xd6 30.♗c5 ♖fd8 31.♗xd6 ♖xd6-+

**26...dxe4 27.♖f5 ♖c8**

27...♖d8 28.♖xe5 (28.♗e2 ♖d5) 28...♖xe5 29.♕xe5 ♕xe5 30.♗xe5 ♖d5

**28.♕h3 g4 29.♕h5 ♘f3+ 30.♖xf3 gxf3 31.♕f5+ ♔h8 32.♔h1 ♖g8 33.♗f1 ♕d6 34.♗c4 ♖g5**

34...f2 35.♕xf2 e3

**35.♕h3 ♔h7 0-1**

**34. B12**
**Firouzja, Alireza (2770) - Jobava, Baadur (2582)**
**Terme Catez 151/34, 2021**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♘e7 6.O-O h6 7.♘bd2 ♘d7 8.♘b3 ♗h7 9.a4 a6?!**

9...♘g6 - 126/36

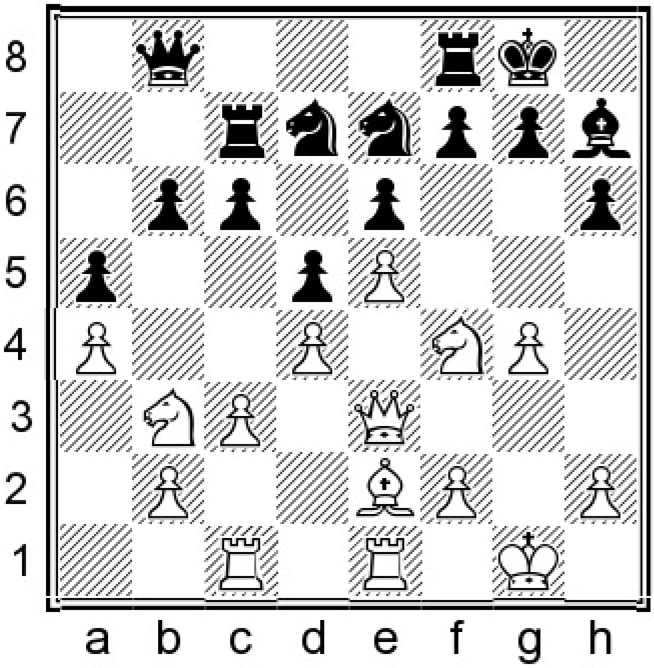
**10.♗d2 ♕c7 11.♖c1 ♖d8?!N**

11...♘c8

**12.♗a5!?**

12.c4 dxc4 13.♗xc4±

**12...b6 13.♗b4 a5 14.♗d6 ♕b7 15.♕d2 ♘c8 16.♗xf8 ♘xf8 17.♘e1 ♘e7 18.♘d3 ♘d7 19.♘f4 O-O 20.♖fe1 ♖c8 21.c3 ♖c7 22.g4 ♕b8 23.♕e3**



**23...♕d8?!**

23...b5! 24.axb5 (24.♘xa5? bxa4∓) 24...a4 25.♘a1 (25.♘d2 cxb5∞) 25...c5!⇄ (25...cxb5∞)

**24.h3 ♔h8 25.♘d2 c5 26.♗b5 ♘c6 27.♔h2**

27.♘f3 ♕e7 28.c4±

**27...cxd4 28.cxd4 ♘b4 29.♖xc7 ♕xc7 30.♕c3! ♖c8 31.♖c1 ♗c2! 32.♕g3 ♕d8 33.♗xd7 ♕xd7 34.g5 hxg5**

34...♗g6! 35.♘xg6+ fxg6 36.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 37.gxh6 gxh6 38.♕xg6 ♕f8 39.♔h1! (39.♔g2 ♕g7 40.♕xg7+ ♔xg7=∞) 39...♕xf2! 40.♕xh6+ ♔g8 41.♕xe6+ ♔h7 42.♕e7+ ♔g6 43.♕f6+ ♕xf6 44.exf6 ♔xf6 45.♘b1! (45.♔g2 ♔f5 46.♔f3 ♘c2 47.♘b3 ♘e1+ 48.♔e2 ♘g2= ×Nb3) 45...♔f5 46.♘c3 ♘d3 47.♔g2 ♘xb2 48.♔f3!±

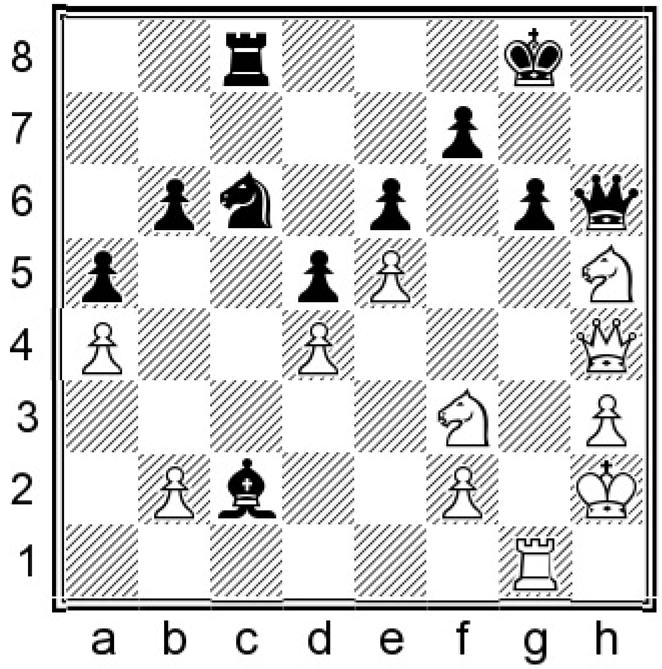
**35.♕xg5 ♕d8 36.♕h5+ ♔g8 37.♘f3 g6 38.♖g1?!**

38.♕h6! ♕f8 39.♕h4→

**38...♘c6**

38...♔f8! 39.♕h8+ ♔e7 40.♕f6+ ♔e8 41.♕g7 ♕e7∞

**39.♕h6 ♕f8 40.♕h4 ♕g7 41.♘h5 ♕h6?**

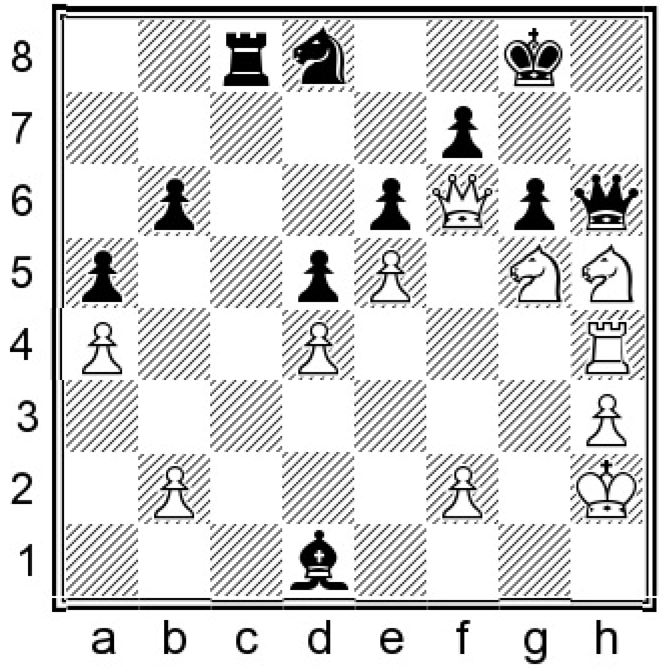


41...♕h8! 42.♘f6+ ♔g7 43.♕g5 ♗f5 44.♘g4 ♔f8∞

**42.♖g4!! ♔f8 43.♕f6 ♘d8**

43...♔g8 44.♘g5 ♖f8 45.♕f4!+- Δ Nf6, Rh4

**44.♖h4 ♔g8 45.♘g5 ♗d1**



**46.♕xd8+!!**

46.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 47.♘f6+ ♔g7 48.♖xh6 ♔xh6 49.♘xf7++-

**1-0**

**35. B12**
**Saric, Ivan (2644) - Harikrishna, Penteala (2719)**
**Cesko 151/35, 2022**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 c5 6.♗e3 ♕b6 7.♘c3 ♘c6 8.O-O ♕xb2 9.♕e1 cxd4 10.♗xd4 ♘xd4 11.♘xd4 ♗b4 12.♘db5 ♗a5 13.♖b1 ♕xc2 14.♖b3 ♘e7 15.♘d6+ ♔f8 16.♘xb7 ♗b6 17.♘d6 ♗g6**

17...♗a5 - 115/42

**18.♗d1 ♕c1 19.♘a4 ♔g8 20.♘xb6 axb6 21.♖c3 ♕b2N**

21...♕f4 22.g3 ♕d4 23.♘b5 ♕e4 24.♖c7 ♘f5 25.♕c3 h5∞

**22.♖c7**

22.♗b3 h5 23.f3 d4 24.♖c7 ♘f5 25.♘c4 ♕c3 26.♕xc3 dxc3 27.♘xb6 ♖a6 28.♘a4 ♘e3 29.♖e1 ♘d5 30.♗xd5 exd5 31.♘xc3 d4 32.♘e4 ♗xe4 33.♖xe4 ♖xa2 34.♖xd4 ♔h7 35.♖xf7 ♖c8 36.h4 ♖cc2 37.♖dd7 ♖xg2+ 38.♔f1 ♖af2+ 39.♔e1 ♖a2 40.♔f1 ♖af2+=

**22...♘f5 23.♗b3 h5**

23...h6!? 24.♗c2 ♔h7 25.♗xf5 exf5 26.♘xf7 ♖hc8 27.♖xc8 ♖xc8 28.e6 ♕f6 29.♕e5∞

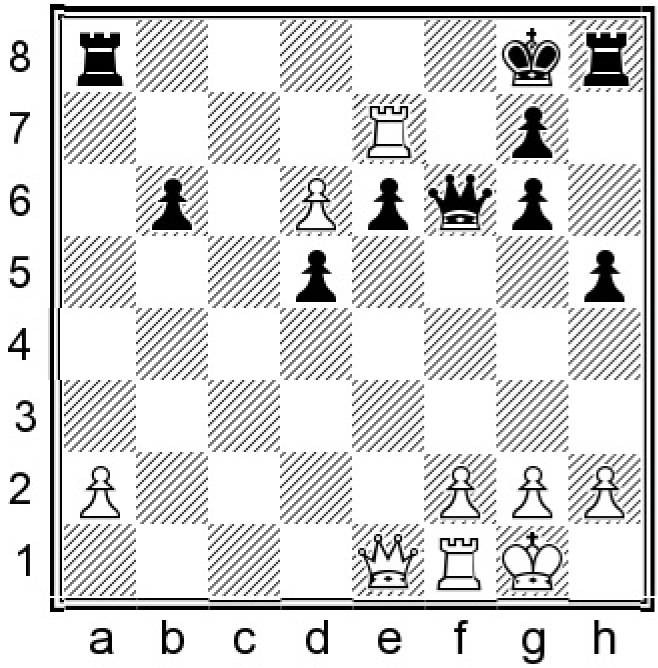
**24.♗c2 ♘xd6**

24...♔h7 25.♗xf5 ♗xf5 26.♘xf5 exf5 27.♖xf7 ♖he8 28.e6 ♔g6∞; 24...♘d4 25.♗xg6 fxg6 26.♘f7 ♘e2+ 27.♔h1 ♖f8 28.♘xh8 ♔xh8 29.f3 ♖a8 30.♕a1 ♖xa2 31.♕xb2 ♖xb2 32.♖d1 ♔h7 33.♖e7 ♘d4=∞

**25.♗xg6 fxg6 26.exd6 ♕f6**

26...♔h7 27.♕xe6 ♖hf8 28.h3 ♕f6 29.♕xd5 ♖a4! 30.d7 ♖d4 31.♕b3 ♕f5 32.♕xb6 ♖xd7 33.♖xd7 ♕xd7 34.♕b3 ♕d2 35.a4 ♖f4=

**27.♖e7**



**27...e5! 28.♕xe5 ♕xe5 29.♖xe5 ♔h7 30.♖xd5 ♖xa2 31.♖b1 ♖a6 32.g4 hxg4 33.♖bb5 ♖d8 34.♖d4 ♔g8 35.♔g2 ♔f7 36.♔g3 ♖d7 37.♔xg4 ♔e6 38.♖g5 ♔f7**

38...b5 39.♖xg6+ ♔f7 40.♔g5 ♖b6 41.♖f4+ ♔g8=

**39.♖e5 ♖a8 40.♖b5 ♖b8 41.h4 ♔e6 42.♖g5 ♖f8 43.♖xg6+ ♖f6 44.♔g5 ♔e5= 45.♖b4 ♖xf2 46.♖b5+ ♔e4 47.♖e6+ ♔d4 48.h5 ♖g2+ 49.♔h4 ♔c4 50.♖xb6 ♔d5 51.♖e1 ♖d2 52.♖e7 ♖xd6 53.♖xd6+ ♔xd6 54.♖xg7 ♔e6 55.♔g5 ♖g2+ 56.♔h6 ♖h2 57.♔g6 ♖g2+ 58.♔h7 ♖h2 59.h6 ♔f6 60.♖g1 ♔f7 61.♖f1+ ♔e7 62.♔g7 ♖g2+ 63.♔h8 ♖g3 64.h7 ♖g2 65.♖f5 ♖g1 66.♖f4 1/2-1/2**

**36. B12**
**Dubov, Daniil (2720) - Keymer, Vincent (2664)**
**Berlin 151/36, 2022**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 c5 6.♗e3 ♕b6 7.♘c3 ♘c6 8.O-O ♕xb2 9.♕e1 cxd4 10.♗xd4 ♘xd4 11.♘xd4 ♗b4 12.♘db5 ♗a5 13.♖b1 ♕xc2 14.♖c1 ♕b2 15.♘a4 ♗xe1 16.♘xb2 ♗a5 17.♘d6+ ♔e7 18.♘xb7 ♗d8 19.♘xd8 ♔xd8 20.♖fd1 ♖b8N**

20...♘e7 - 148/(24)

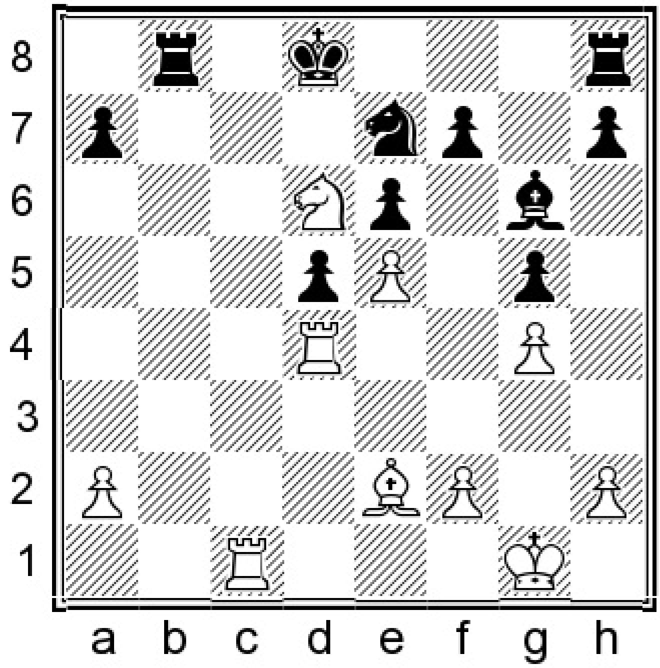
**21.♘c4 g5?!**

21...♘e7 22.♘d6 ♗g6 23.♖c5 ♘f5 24.♘b5 a6 25.♘a7 ♘e7 26.♗xa6 f6 27.♘c6+ ♘xc6 28.♖xc6 ♖e8 29.exf6 gxf6 30.a4 ♔d7 31.♖dc1±

**22.♘d6 ♗g6 23.♖d4**

23.♗a6

**23...♘e7 24.g4**



**24...♖b6?**

24...♔d7! 25.♖a4 (25.♗b5+ ♖xb5 26.♘xb5 ♘c6 27.♖a4 ♖b8 28.♘d4 ♘xe5 29.♖xa7+ ♔d6 30.h4 ♖b4 31.♖a6+ ♔d7 (31...♔e7 32.♖a7+ ♔f6 33.f4! ♖xd4 34.hxg5+ ♔g7 35.fxe5 ♖xg4+ 36.♔f2 ♖xg5 37.a4 ♖f5+ 38.♔g3 ♖g5+ 39.♔f4 ♖f5+=) 32.♖a7+ ♔d6=) 25...♘c6 26.♗b5 ♖xb5 27.♘xb5 ♖b8 (27...a5 28.♘d4 ♘xe5 29.♖xa5 ♗d3 30.♖a7+ ♔d6 31.♖cc7 h5 32.h3 hxg4 33.hxg4 ♗c4 34.a4 ♖h3∞) 28.♘d4 (28.♘xa7? ♘xe5 29.♖a3 ♖b7-+) 28...♘xe5 29.♖xa7+ ♔d6∞

**25.♗b5! ♖b8**

25...a6 26.♗a4+-

**26.♖a4 ♘c8 27.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 28.♖xa7+- ♖c7 29.♖a8+ ♔e7 30.♖xh8 f6 31.♖c8 ♖a7 32.♖c6 1-0**

**37. B13**
**Aronian, Levon (2772) - Keymer, Vincent (2664)**
**Berlin 151/37, 2022**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♗d3 ♘f6 5.h3 ♘c6 6.♘f3 ♘b4**

6...g6 - 18/ 184

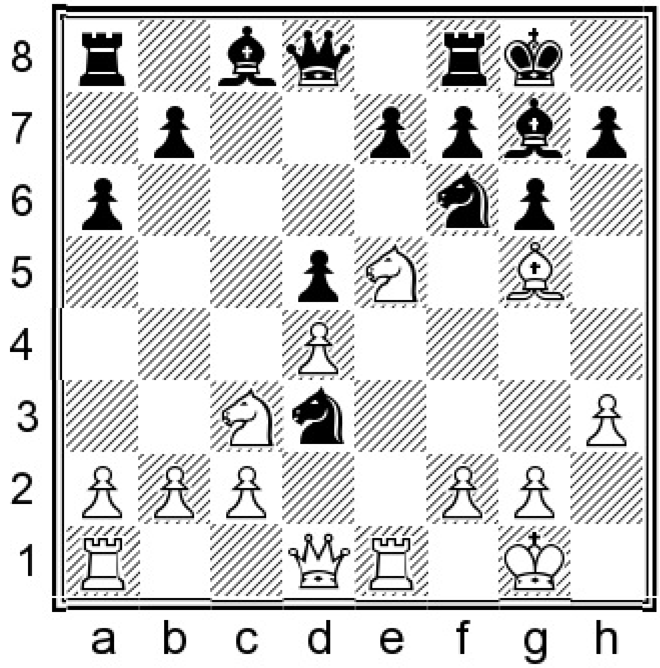
**7.♘c3!? g6N**

7...♘xd3+; 7...e6

**8.♘e5 a6**

8...♘xd3+?! 9.♕xd3 a6 10.♗f4 ♗g7 11.♕e3 O-O 12.O-O-O!±; 8...♗g7 9.♗b5+ ♗d7 10.a3 ♘c6 11.O-O O-O 12.♖e1±

**9.O-O ♗g7 10.♖e1 O-O 11.♗g5 ♘xd3**



11...h6 12.♗f4 ♘d7 13.♕d2 ♘xe5 14.♗xe5 ♘xd3 15.♗xg7 ♔xg7 16.♕xd3±

**12.cxd3! ♕b6**

12...♘e8! 13.♘f3 f6 14.♗f4 e6 15.♘a4 ♘d6 16.♖c1 ♖f7 17.♘c5 ♖e7∞

**13.♘f3 e6**

RR13...♕xb2? 14.♘a4 ♕b5 (14...♕a3 15.♘b6 ♖a7 16.♖b1 ♕xa2 17.♖b3 h6 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♖e2 ♕a5 20.♕b1+-) 15.♖b1 ♕e8 16.♘b6 ♖a7 17.♘xc8 ♕xc8 18.♖xe7 ♖e8 19.♕e1+-; 13...h6 14.♗f4 ♗d7±

**14.♘a4 ♕d6 15.♕d2 a5 16.♖ac1 ♗d7 17.♘c5 b6 18.♗f4 ♕e7 19.♘xd7 ♘xd7 20.♖c7?!**

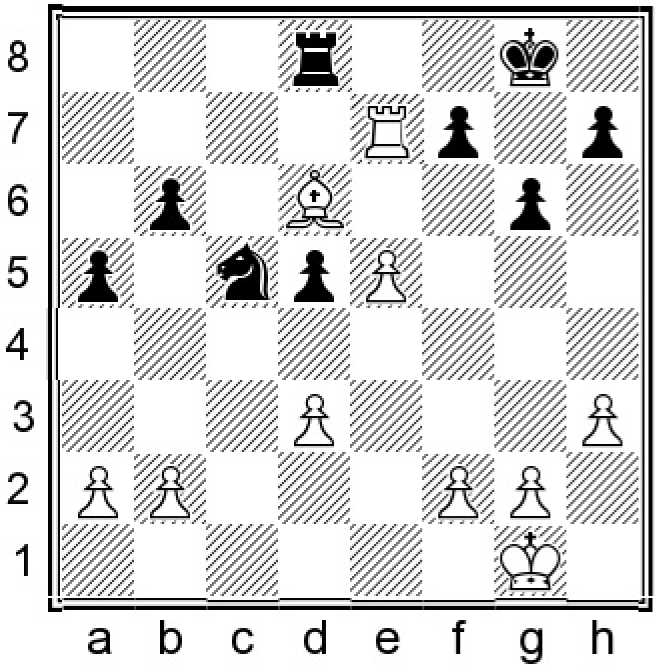
20.♖c6 ♖fc8 21.♕c3±

**20...♖fc8 21.♖ec1 ♕d8 22.♕c2 ♖xc7 23.♕xc7 ♕xc7 24.♖xc7 ♖d8 25.♖b7?!**

25.♔f1 h6 26.♔e2 g5 27.♗g3 h5 28.♘xg5 ♗xd4 29.♗d6 ♗f6 30.h4 a4 31.f4+-

**25...♔f8 26.♗d6+ ♔e8 27.♘e5 ♗xe5 28.dxe5 ♖c8?**

28...♘c5 29.♖e7+ ♔f8 30.♖xe6+ ♔g8 31.♖e7



31...♖c8! 32.♖c7 ♖xc7 33.♗xc7 ♘xd3 34.b3 b5 35.♗xa5 ♘xe5 36.a4 bxa4 37.bxa4 ♔f8 38.♗c7 ♘c6 39.a5 ♔e7 40.a6 ♔d7 41.♗b6+-

**29.d4! ♔d8 30.♖a7 ♖c4 31.b3+- ♖c1+ 32.♔h2 h6 33.♔g3 ♖c3+ 34.f3 ♖c6 35.h4 ♖c8 36.h5 ♖c6 37.♔h4 ♖c8 38.g4 ♔e8 39.f4 ♔d8 40.hxg6 fxg6 41.g5 h5 42.f5!**

42.f5 gxf5 43.g6 ♔e8 44.♔xh5 ♖c2 45.♖a8++-

**1-0**

**38. B13**
**Artemiev, Vladislav (2700) - Gunina, Valentina (2471)**
**Kazan (rapid) 151/38, 2022**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♗d3 ♘f6 5.h3 ♘c6 6.c3 e5 7.dxe5 ♘xe5 8.♘f3**

8.♕e2 - 40/153

**8...♘xd3+ 9.♕xd3 ♗d6 10.O-O O-O 11.♗e3 ♗e6 12.♘bd2 ♕d7 13.♕d4N**

13.♖fe1

**13...♖fe8 14.♗f4 ♗xf4**

⌓14...♗f8 15.♖fe1 (15.♗g5 ♘e4! 16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♕xd7 ♗xd7 18.♘d4 h6 19.♗e3 a6∓) 15...♕b5 16.♘b3 a5∞

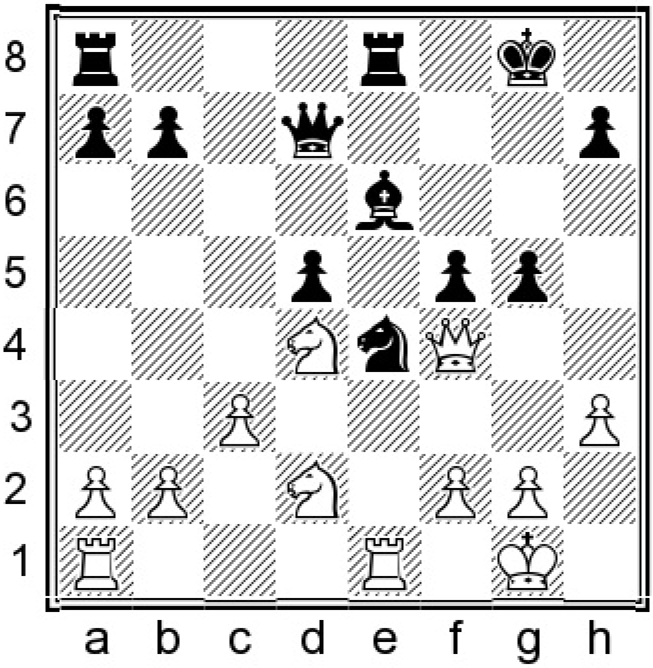
**15.♕xf4± ♘e4**

15...h6 16.♖fe1 ♗f5 17.♘d4 ♗g6 18.♘f1 ♖e4 19.♕d2 ♖ae8 20.f3 ♖xe1 21.♖xe1±

**16.♘d4 f5?!**

16...♕d6 17.♕xd6 ♘xd6 18.♖fe1 a5 19.♘2b3±

**17.♖fe1 g5?**



17...g6

**18.♘xe4! gxf4 19.♘f6+ ♔f7 20.♘xd7 ♗xd7 21.f3+- ♔f6 22.♘e2 ♔g5 23.♔f2 ♗b5**

23...♖e7 24.h4+ ♔xh4 25.♘xf4 ♖ae8 26.♖h1+ (26.♘xd5? ♖xe1 27.♖xe1 ♖xe1 28.♔xe1 ♔g3 29.♔f1 ♗e6 30.♘f6 ♗xa2 31.♘xh7 ♗f7=∞) 26...♔g5 27.♔g3 ♗c6 28.♖h5+ ♔f6 29.♖ah1 ♖h8 30.♖h6+ ♔g7 31.♘e6+ ♔f7 32.♘d4

**24.♘d4**

24.h4+!? ♔xh4 25.♘xf4 ♖xe1 26.♖xe1

**24...♗d7 25.♖ad1**

25.h4+ ♔f6 (25...♔xh4 26.♖h1+ ♔g5 27.♖xh7) 26.♘e2

**25...h5 26.♘e2 ♖e5 27.h4+ ♔xh4 28.♘xf4 ♖xe1 29.♖xe1 ♖e8 30.♖xe8 ♗xe8 31.♘e6**

31.g3+ ♔g5 32.♘xd5 ♗f7 33.f4+ ♔g6 34.c4

**31...b6 32.a3 f4 33.♘xf4 ♗f7 34.g3+ ♔g5 35.♔e3 ♔f5 36.♘d3 ♗e8 37.♔d4 ♗b5 38.♘e5 ♔e6 39.♘g6 ♔f5 40.♘e7+ ♔e6 41.♘xd5 ♗c6 42.♘f4+**

42.c4

**42...♔f5 43.♔e3 ♔g5 44.♘e6+ ♔f6 45.♘d4 ♗d5 46.♔f4 a6 47.♘c2 ♗a8 48.♘e3 ♗c6 49.♘c4 b5 50.♘e5 ♗d5 51.♘d7+ ♔e7 52.♘c5 a5 53.♘e4 ♗f7 54.♔e5 ♗c4 55.f4 1-0**

**39. B13**
**Aronian, Levon (2772) - Kosteniuk, Alexandra (2516)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/39, 2022**

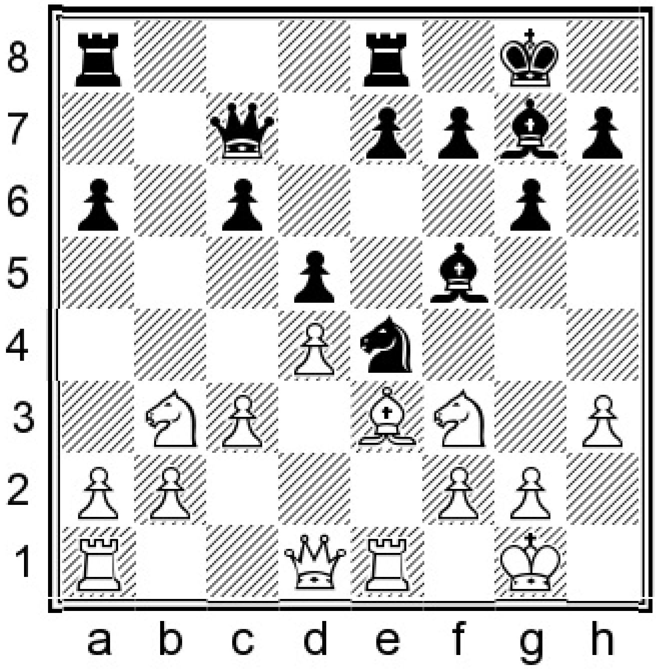
**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♗d3 ♘c6 5.c3 ♘f6 6.h3 ♕c7 7.♘f3 g6 8.O-O ♗f5 9.♗b5**

9.♖e1 - 109/(57)

**9...♗g7 10.♖e1 O-O 11.♘bd2 a6 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.♘b3 ♖fe8N**

13...♘e4 14.♘fd2 e5 (14...♘d6 15.♘c5±) 15.♘xe4 dxe4 (15...♗xe4 16.♗e3 ♖fe8 17.♘c5 ♗f5 18.dxe5 ♗xe5 19.♗d4±) 16.♗e3 ♖fd8 17.♕e2 a5 18.♖ad1±

**14.♗e3 ♘e4**



**15.♘fd2! e5**

15...♘d6 16.♘c5 a5 17.a4±

**16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♕e2 a5 18.♖ad1**

18.♘c5 exd4 (18...♖ad8 19.♖ad1 h5 20.a3±) 19.♗xd4 ♗xd4 20.cxd4±

**18...exd4**

18...a4 19.♘c5 exd4 20.♗xd4 ♗xd4 21.cxd4±

**19.♗xd4**

19.♘xd4!? a4 (19...♗e6 20.♘xe6 ♖xe6 21.♕c4 h5 22.a4±) 20.♕c4 ♖ec8 21.♘xf5 gxf5 22.♗d4±

**19...♗f8**

19...a4 20.♘c5 ♗e5 21.♕c4 ♗h2+ 22.♔h1 ♗d6 23.♗e3±

**20.♘c5 ♗xc5?!**

20...♕f4 21.a4 ♕h4 22.♕e3 ♗d6 23.b4±

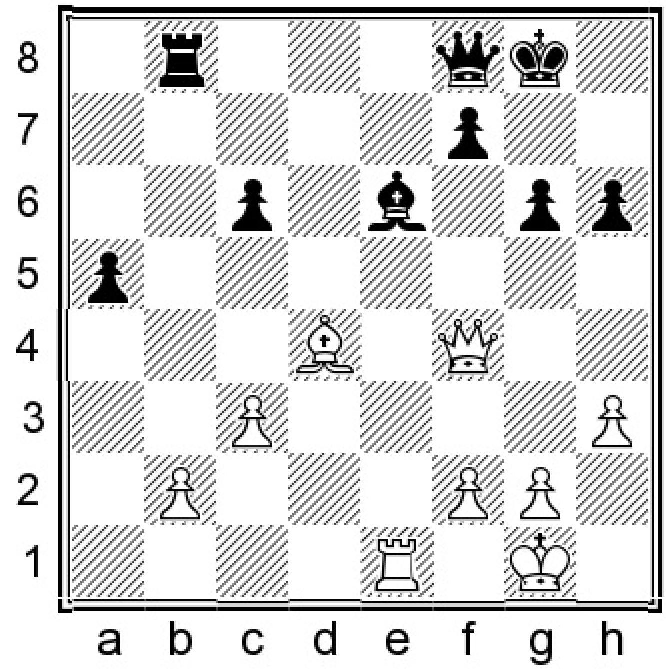
**21.♗xc5 ♕f4 22.♕c4**

22.c4 ♖ed8 23.♗e3 ♕e5 24.♗b6 ♖xd1 25.♖xd1±

**22...♖ad8 23.♗e3 ♕c7 24.♖d4 ♗e6 25.♖xd8 ♖xd8 26.♕xe4 ♗xa2 27.♗d4**

27.♗g5 ♖c8 28.♕d4 c5 29.♕f6 ♕c6 30.♖e8+! ♕xe8 31.♗h6+-

**27...♖f8 28.♗c5 ♖b8 29.♕h4 ♕d8 30.♕h6+- ♗e6 31.♗d4 ♕f8 32.♕f4 h6**



**33.♗c5! ♕d8 34.♕xh6 ♗f5 35.g4 ♗c2 36.♗e7 ♕e8 37.♖e3 ♕d7 38.♗f6 1-0**

**40. ** B15**
**Mammadzada, Gunay (2470) - Krysa, Leandro Sergio (2531)**
**Gibraltar 151/40, 2022**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♘f6 5.♘xf6+ exf6 6.c3 ♗d6 7.♗d3 O-O 8.♕c2 ♖e8+ 9.♘e2 h5 10.♗e3**

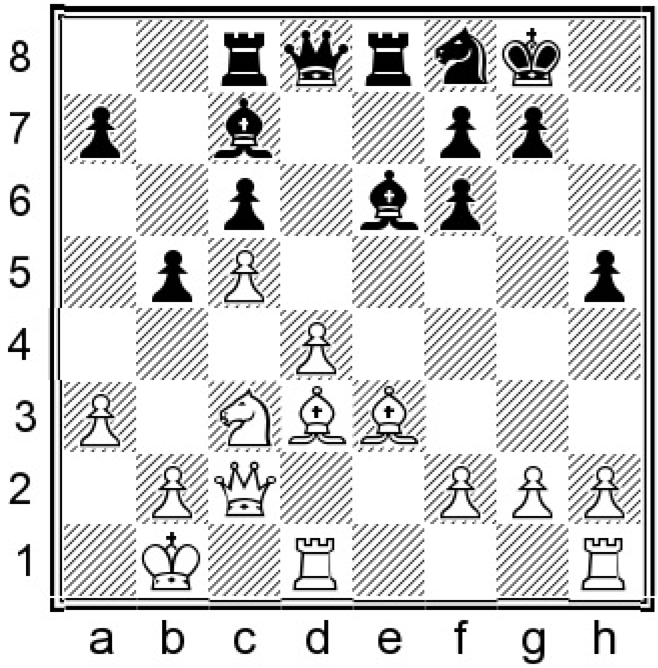
10.O-O h4 11.h3 ♘d7 12.♗e3 ♘f8 13.♖ad1 ♗e6 (13...♘e6 - 140/46) 14.c4 ♖c8 15.♖fe1 ♘g6 16.c5N (16.♘c3; 16.b3) 16...♗b8 17.♗xg6 fxg6 18.♗f4 (18.♕xg6 ♗xa2 19.♕g4 ♗b3 20.♖c1 g5∞) 18...♗f7 19.♗xb8 ♖xb8∓ Kovacevic,A (2496)-Antal,G (2562) Magyarorszag 151/(40) 2022

**10...♘d7 11.O-O-O ♘f8**

11...b5 - 146/35

**12.c4 ♗e6 13.♔b1 ♖c8 14.a3 ♘g6**

14...b5 15.c5 ♗c7 16.♘c3

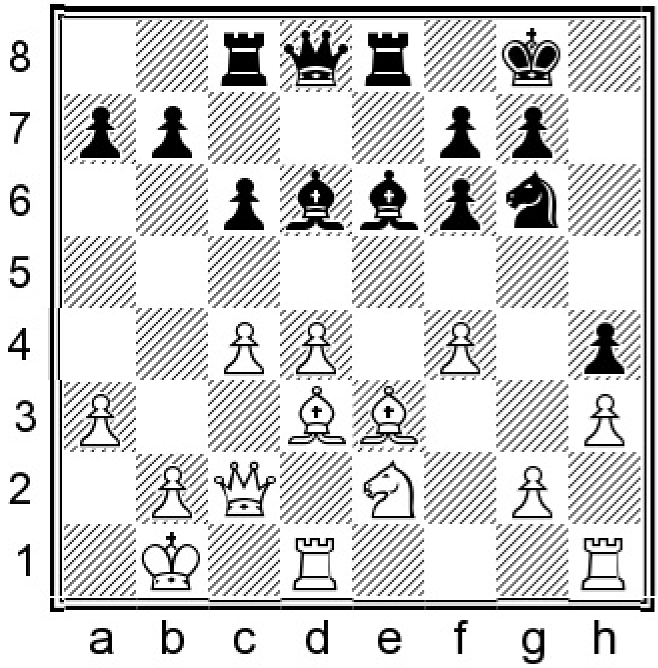


16...♗d5N (16...♗b8 17.d5! (17.♗e4) 17...♗xd5 (17...cxd5 18.♗xb5+-) 18.♘xd5 cxd5 19.♗xb5+-) 17.♖hg1 g6 18.♘xd5 ♕xd5 19.g4 h4 20.♗f1! ♕d7 21.♗g2 ♖cd8 22.h3 ♘e6 23.♕e4 ♘xc5 24.♕xc6+- Fedorchuk,S (2605)-Bujisho, B (2296) Cappelle-la-Grande 151/(40) 2022

**15.h3N**

15.♘c3

**15...h4 16.f4**



**16...f5! 17.♗c1?!**

17.♖he1 b5 18.c5 ♗c7 19.♘c3 ♘e7 20.♗f2 ♖b8∞

**17...b5! 18.c5 ♗c7 19.♘c3 ♘e7 20.♖he1 ♕d7?!**

20...♖b8! 21.♕f2 a5 22.♕xh4 b4∓

**21.♕f2**

21.d5! ♘xd5 22.♘xd5 cxd5 (22...♕xd5 23.♖xe6! ♕xe6 24.♗xf5 ♕e7 25.♗xc8 ♖xc8 26.♖d4 a5=) 23.c6 ♕d6 24.♗xb5 ♖b8∓

**21...a5 22.♘a2 b4! 23.a4**

23.axb4 axb4 24.♘xb4 ♗a5 25.♗d2 ♖a8 26.♔c1 ♗xb4 27.♗xb4 ♗b3 28.♗c2 ♗xc2 29.♔xc2 ♘d5-+

**23...♗b3 24.♗c2 ♗xc2+ 25.♔xc2**

25.♕xc2 ♘d5 26.♕f2 ♖e4 27.♕xh4 ♖ce8-+

**25...♕d5 26.♔b1 ♘g6 27.♗d2 ♖e4 28.♖xe4 ♕xe4+ 29.♔a1 ♕c2-+ 30.♕f3 ♕xa4 31.♔b1 ♘e7**

31...♖d8 32.♗e3 ♘e7 33.♘c1 ♘d5 34.♗d2 ♖e8

**32.♘c1 ♘d5 33.g4 hxg3 34.♖g1 ♗d8 35.♕d3 ♗f6 36.♕xf5 ♖b8 37.♕d3 ♘c3+! 38.♗xc3 bxc3 39.♖g2 cxb2 0-1**

**41. B19**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2773) - Keymer, Vincent (2664)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 151/41, 2022**

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♘f3 ♘d7 8.♗d3 ♗xd3 9.♕xd3 e6**

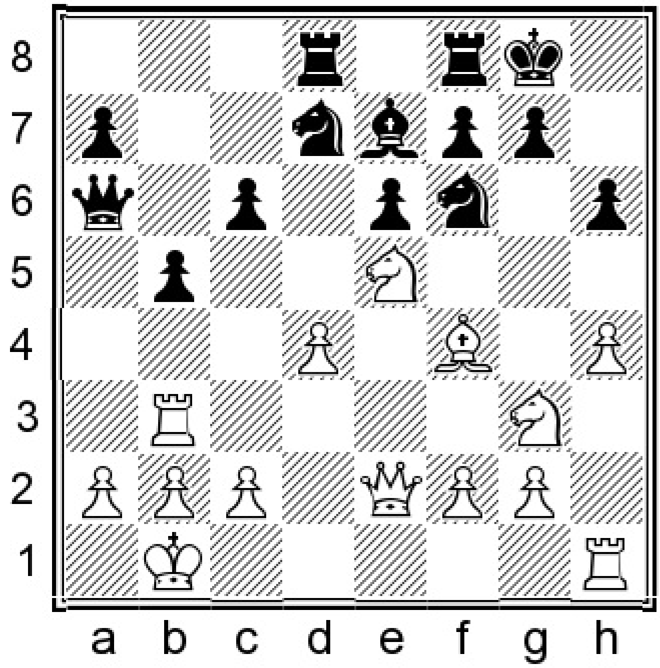
**10.♗f4 ♘gf6 11.O-O-O ♗e7 12.♕e2**

12.♘f1 - 146/36

**12...♕a5 13.♔b1 O-O 14.♘e5 ♖ad8 15.♖d3 ♕a6N**

15...♘xe5 16.dxe5 ♘d5 17.♗d2 ♕b5 18.♕g4±

**16.♖b3 b5?!**



16...♕xe2 17.♘xe2 ♘xe5 (17...♘b6 18.a4±) 18.dxe5 ♘e4 19.♖xb7 ♘xf2 20.♖f1 ♗c5 21.♘c1 ♖b8 22.♖xb8 ♖xb8 23.c3 ♘g4∞

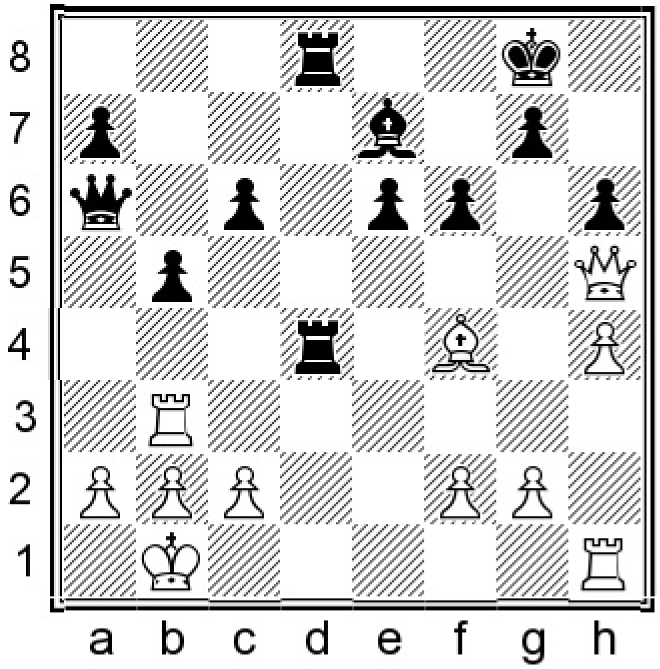
**17.♘xd7**

17.♗g5! ♘xe5 (17...♕b7 18.♘h5 ♘xe5 19.♗xf6 ♗xf6 20.♘xf6+ gxf6 21.dxe5 ♕e7 22.a3±; 17...♔h8 18.♘h5 ♘xe5 19.dxe5 ♘g8 20.♗c1±) 18.dxe5 ♘d5 19.♘e4 ♕a4 20.♖g3±

**17...♖xd7 18.♗e5 ♖fd8**

⌓18...♕c8 19.♘e4 ♘xe4 20.♕xe4 ♗d6 21.♖g3 f6 22.♗xd6 ♖xd6=

**19.♘h5 ♘xh5 20.♕xh5 f6 21.♗f4 ♖xd4**



**22.♗xh6!? ♕a4**

22...b4 23.♗c1 ♕c4 24.♖g3 ♗f8 25.♕f3 ♔f7∞

**23.♖g3**

23.♗c1 f5 24.f4 ♗f6 25.♕f3 ♕c4 26.♖c3 ♕d5 27.♖xc6 ♖e4 28.♖c7 a5=∞

**23...♗f8 24.b3 ♕a3 25.♗c1 ♕c5 26.♕f3 ♕f5 27.♕e2 ♖e4 28.♖e3 ♖xe3 29.♕xe3 ♗c5?!**

29...♖d5 30.h5 ♖e5 31.♕d2 ♖d5=

**30.♕e2 e5 31.f3 a6 32.h5 ♔h8 33.g4 ♕e6 34.♕e4 ♕e8**

34...♖d7 35.a3 a5 36.h6 g5 37.♕g6±

**35.g5 ♖d4**

35...fxg5 36.♗xg5 ♖d4 37.♕e1 ♖d6 38.h6 g6 39.h7±

**36.♕f5**

36.♕g6! ♕xg6 37.hxg6+ ♔g8 38.♗e3 ♖d5 39.c4+-

**36...♕d7 37.♕g6 fxg5 38.h6+- ♖h4 39.hxg7+**

39.♖d1 ♖d4 40.hxg7+ ♕xg7 41.♕e8+ ♗f8 42.♖h1+ ♖h4 43.♖g1

**39...♕xg7 40.♕e8+ ♔h7 41.♖e1**

41.♖d1 ♗d4 42.c3

**41...♗b4 42.♖g1 g4 43.fxg4 ♕g6 44.♕d7+ ♔g8 45.♕d8+ 1-0**

**42. * B22**
**Harikrishna, Penteala (2717) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752)**
**Berlin 151/42, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♗c4 ♘b6 5.♗b3 ♘c6**

5...c4 - 145/131

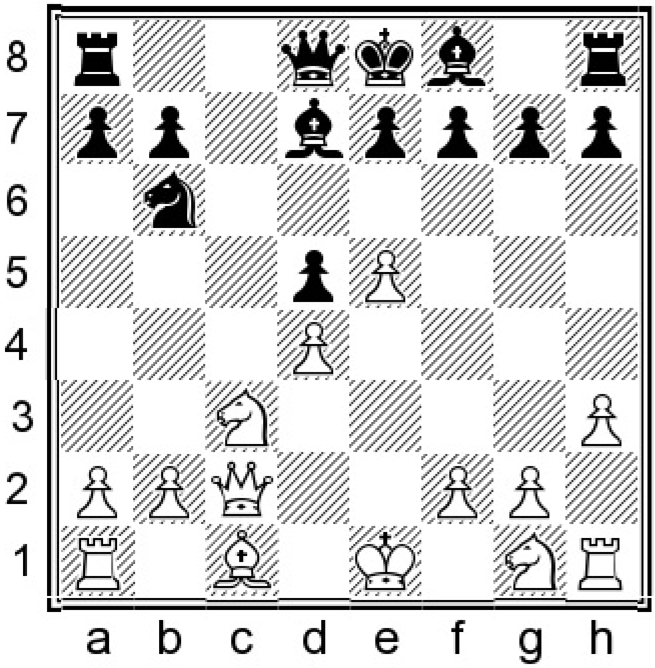
**6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 d5 8.♗c2 ♘b4 9.h3N**

9.♘c3 - 151/(42) 9...♘xc2+ 10.♕xc2 ♗d7N (10...♗g4) 11.♘ge2 e6 12.♕d3! ♖c8 13.O-O ♕h4 14.a4 a6 15.b3 ♗e7 16.♗a3± Mamedyarov,S (2767)-Vitiugov,N (2726) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 151/(42) 2022

**9...♘xc2+ 10.♕xc2 ♗d7**

10...g6!? 11.♘c3 ♗f5 12.♕d1 ♖c8 13.♘ge2 ♗g7 14.O-O O-O 15.b3!±

**11.♘c3**



**11...♕c8!? 12.♕d3**

12.♘ge2 ♗f5 13.♕d1 e6 14.O-O ♗e7⇄

**12...♗f5 13.♕g3 e6 14.♘ge2 ♕c4! 15.♗e3**

15.b3 ♕d3 16.♕xd3 ♗xd3 17.♔d2 ♗xe2 18.♔xe2 a6⇄

**15...♖c8**

15...♕a6! 16.b3 (16.O-O ♘c4 17.♗c1 ♖c8 18.b3 ♘a5 19.♗e3 ♘c6 20.♖ac1 h5! 21.h4 g6=) 16...h5 17.O-O h4 18.♕f3 ♗a3⇄

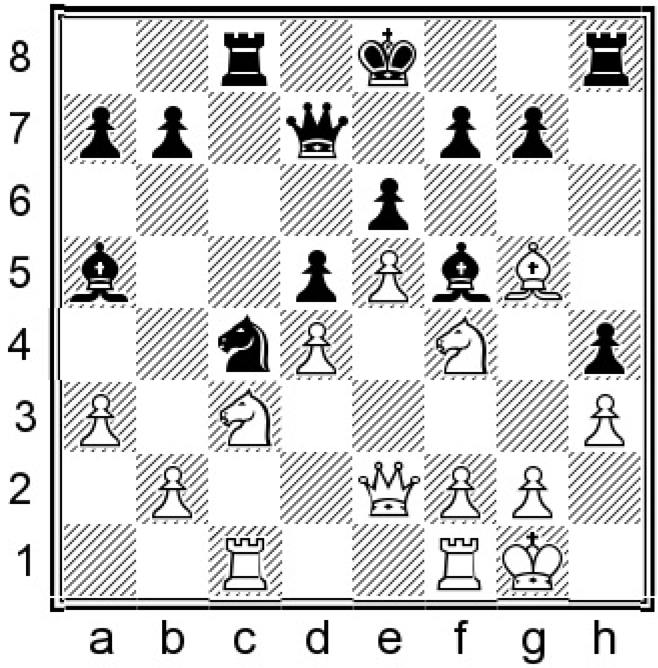
**16.O-O h5**

16...♕b4!?

**17.♖ac1 h4 18.♕f3 ♕c6 19.♗g5 ♕d7 20.♘f4 ♘c4**

20...♖c6 21.g4! hxg3 22.fxg3 ♘c4 (22...♗xh3? 23.♘xh3 ♖xh3 24.♗h4 g5 25.♕g4+-) 23.♖f2±

**21.♕e2 ♗b4 22.a3 ♗a5**



**23.a4**

23.b3! ♘xe5 (23...♘xa3 24.♘b5! ♗b4□ 25.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 26.♘h5 ♖xh5 27.♖c1! ♕d7 28.♘c7+ ♔f8 29.♕xh5 ♔g8 30.♕e2±)

**23...a6 24.♖fd1 ♗d8!∓ 25.♗xd8 ♕xd8 26.♘d3**

26.b3 ♘a5 27.♕b2 O-O∓

**26...♕b6 27.♘c5 ♕xb2∓ 28.♕f3**

28.♕xb2 ♘xb2 29.♖d2 ♘c4 30.♖a2 ♖c7∓

**28...♗c2!-+ 29.♖e1 b6 30.♘xa6 ♘d2**

30...♘xe5 31.dxe5 ♖xc3 32.♕f4 ♖c4 33.♕g5 O-O

**31.♕e3 ♕xc3 32.♕xc3 ♖xc3 33.♘b4 ♔d7 34.♖xc2 ♖xc2 35.♘xc2 ♖c8 36.♘e3 ♖a8 37.♖a1 ♘b3 38.♖b1 ♘xd4 39.♖xb6 ♘c6 40.♘g4 ♖xa4 41.♖b7+ ♔e8 42.♖c7 ♘e7**

42...♖c4 43.♖c8+ ♔d7 44.♖a8 ♖c1+ 45.♔h2 ♖e1 46.f4 ♖e4

**43.♔f1 ♘g6 44.♖c8+ ♔d7 45.♖g8 ♘f4 46.♔g1 d4 47.♖b8 d3 48.♘e3 d2 49.♖b1 ♘e2+ 50.♔h2 ♘c3 51.♖b3 ♖e4**

51...d1=♕? 52.♘xd1 ♘xd1∓

**0-1**

**43. B23**
**Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704) - Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2686)**
**Berlin 151/43, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕d2 g6 6.b3 ♗h6 7.f4 f5**

7...♘f6 - 148/30

**8.♗b2 ♘f6 9.O-O-O ♖f8!? 10.g3 fxe4N**

10...♕a5

**11.♗g2 ♕a5 12.♘xe4 ♕xd2+ 13.♘xd2**

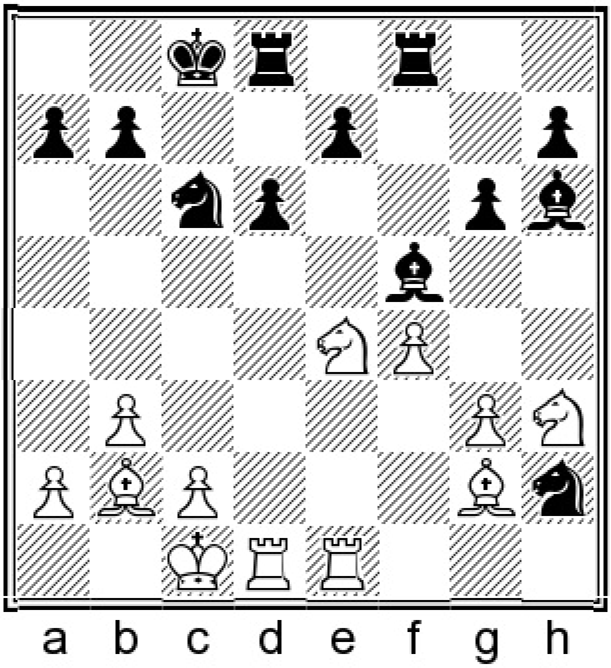
13.♖xd2?! ♘xe4 14.♗xe4 g5! 15.♘e2 gxf4 16.gxf4 ♗f5 17.♗f3 O-O-O 18.♔b1 ♘e5 19.♗xe5 dxe5 20.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 21.♖d1+ ♔c7 22.fxe5 ♗xc2+ 23.♔xc2 ♖xf3∓

**13...♘g4**

13...g5?! 14.♗xf6 ♖xf6 15.♘e4 ♖f5 16.♘xd6+! exd6 17.♖xd6 ♗g7 18.♖xc6±

**14.♘e4 ♗f5 15.♖d2?!**

15.♘h3 O-O-O 16.♖he1 d5 (16...♘xh2?!



17.♘hf2! ♘g4 18.♖h1 ♘e3 19.♖dg1±) 17.♘eg5 ♘b4 18.♖e2 d4 19.♖xd4 ♘xa2+ 20.♔b1±

**15...O-O-O 16.♘e2 ♘e3∓ 17.♗f3 d5**

17...♘e5!? 18.fxe5?! (18.♗xe5 dxe5 19.h4 exf4∓) 18...♗xe4 19.♗xe4 ♘f1-+

**18.♘4c3 d4 19.♘d1 ♘xd1 20.♖hxd1 e5 21.h3 exf4**

21...e4 22.♗g4 ♗g7∓ 23.♘xd4?! e3-+

**22.gxf4 d3 23.cxd3 ♘b4 24.♗g4 ♗xg4 25.hxg4 ♖xf4 26.♗g7 ♗xg7 27.♘xf4 ♗h6 28.♘e6 ♗xd2+ 29.♖xd2 ♖xd3**

29...♖d6∓

**30.♖h2 ♖d6 31.♘f8 h5 32.gxh5 gxh5 33.♖xh5 ♘xa2+ 34.♔b1 ♘b4 35.♘h7 ♖d3 36.♔b2 b6 37.♘f6 ♔b7 38.♖h7+ ♔a6 39.♘e4 ♘c6 40.♖h6 ♔b7∓ 1/2-1/2**

**44. B23**
**Shirov, Alexei (2704) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752)**
**Berlin 151/44, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕d2 g6 6.b3 ♗h6 7.f4 ♘f6 8.♗b2 O-O 9.O-O-O e5 10.g3 ♖e8**

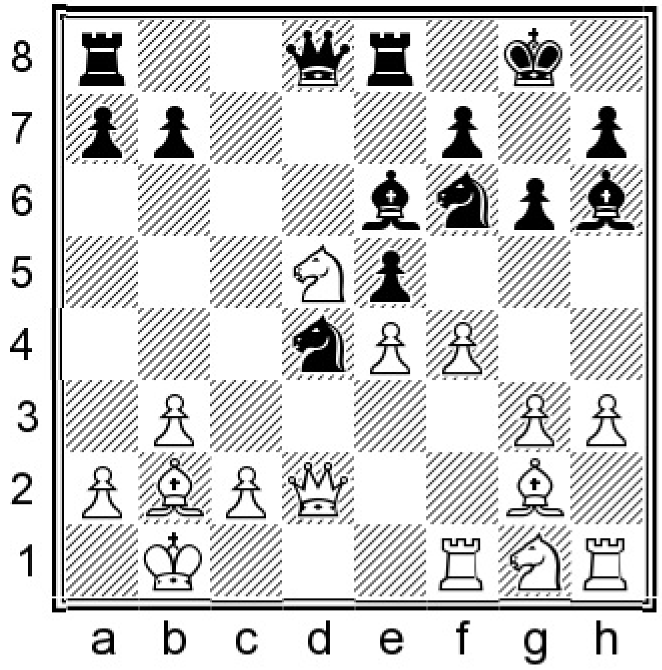
10...a5 - 136/50

**11.♔b1 ♘d4 12.♗g2 ♗g4 13.♖f1 d5 14.h3N**

14.exd5

**14...♗e6 15.g4**

15.♘xd5



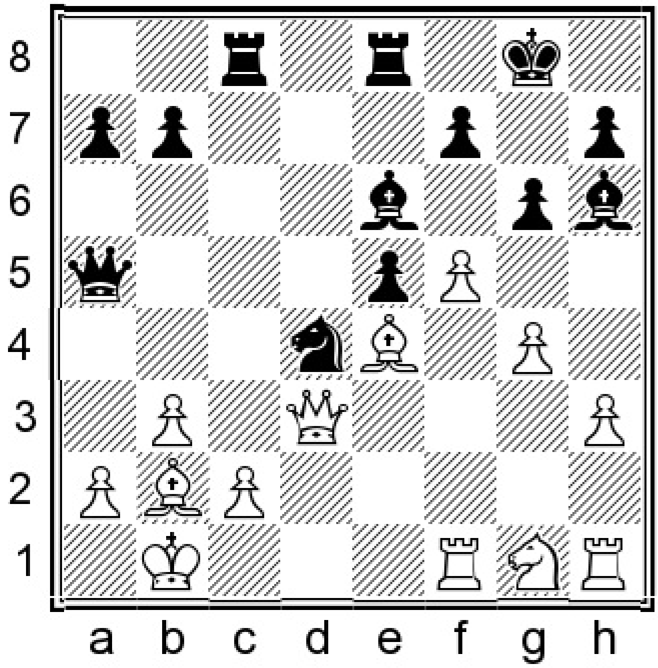
15...♘xe4! (15...♘xd5 16.exd5 ♗f5 (16...♗xd5 17.♖d1! ♗xg2 18.♕xg2 ♕c7 19.fxe5 ♘f5 20.♕f2 ♘e3

21.♖d2 ♖ad8 22.♖xd8 ♖xd8 23.♘f3⩲) 17.♘e2 (17.♗xd4 exd4 18.g4 ♗e4 19.♗xe4 ♖xe4 20.♘e2 ♗g7 21.f5 a5→) 17...♘xc2 18.g4 ♘a3+ 19.♔a1 ♘c2+=) 16.♗xe4 ♗xd5 17.♗xd5 ♕xd5 18.♘f3 ♖ad8 19.♘xd4 exd4 20.h4 ♗g7 21.h5 d3 (21...♖e3∞) 22.hxg6 dxc2+ 23.♕xc2 fxg6 24.♗xg7 ♔xg7 25.♕b2+ ♕d4=

**15...♘xe4 16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♗xe4 ♖c8 18.♕d3**

18.♘e2 ♘xe2 19.♕xe2 exf4 (19...♗xf4 20.♗xb7 ♖c5 21.♕e4 ♗d5 22.♗xd5 ♖xd5 23.h4⇄)

**18...♕a5 19.f5**



**19...♗d5**

19...♘xc2!? 20.fxe6 (20.♕f3 ♘d4 21.♗xd4 ♗xb3! 22.♕xb3 exd4 23.fxg6 ♔h8! 24.♘e2 (24.♕xf7? ♕b5+ 25.♔a1 ♗g7-+) 24...hxg6 25.♖xf7 ♖xe4 26.♕xb7 ♕b6+∓) 20...♘b4 21.exf7+ ♔h8 22.fxe8=♕+ ♖xe8 23.a4 ♘xd3 24.♗xd3 ♕d5 25.♖f3 ♗g7 26.♗c4 ♕d1+ 27.♔a2 e4∓

**20.♖h2**

20.♗xd5 ♕xd5 21.♘e2 ♖xc2 22.♘xd4 (22.♗xd4? ♖d2-+) 22...♖xb2+ 23.♔xb2 exd4 24.♖e1 ♗e3⯹

**20...♗xe4 21.♕xe4 ♘b5**

21...♕a6 22.♖e1 ♕c6 23.♕xc6 ♘xc6=

**22.♕xb7 ♘d6 23.♕f3 e4 24.♕d1?**

24.♕f2! e3 25.♕h4→

**24...♘b5∓ 25.c4**

25.fxg6 hxg6

**25...♘c3+ 26.♗xc3 ♕xc3-+ 27.♖c2**

27.♘e2 ♕e5

**27...♕e5 28.♕d5 ♕f6 29.a3 ♗g7 30.♔a2 ♖cd8 31.♕a5 ♖d3 32.♘e2 ♖b8 33.b4 ♖bd8 34.b5 e3 35.♖fc1 ♖d2 36.♔b3 ♖8d3+ 37.♖c3 ♕d6 38.♕xa7 ♖xe2 0-1**

# B25-B49

**45. B25**
**Kuzmin, Vyacheslav - Bolz, Barbara**
**corr 151/45, 2020**

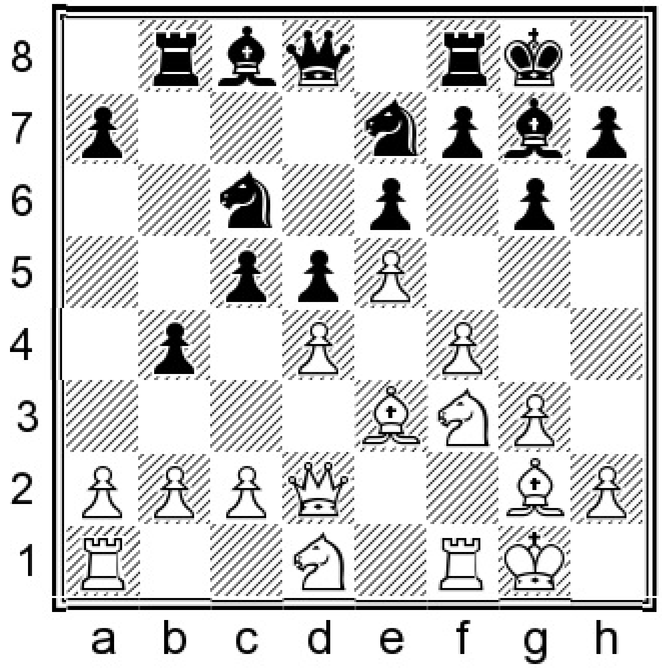
**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.g3 ♘c6 4.♗g2 g6 5.d3 ♗g7 6.f4 e6 7.♘f3 ♘ge7 8.O-O O-O 9.♗e3 ♖b8 10.♕d2**

10.♗f2 - 87/100

**10...b5 11.d4**

11.♖ab1 ♘d4 12.♘e2 ♘xf3+ 13.♗xf3 a5 14.c3 ♘c6 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 ♘e7 17.g4 f5 18.gxf5 gxf5 19.b4 fxe4 20.♗xe4 axb4 21.d5 exd5=

**11...b4 12.♘d1 d5 13.e5**



**13...cxd4!?N**

13...c4 14.♗f2 ♕a5 15.c3 ♗d7 16.g4 f5 17.exf6 ♗xf6 18.♘e5 ♕c7 19.♘e3 bxc3 20.bxc3=; 13...♘xd4 14.♘xd4 cxd4 15.♗xd4 (15.♕xd4 ♘f5 16.♕xa7 ♖b7 17.♕a6 ♘xe3 18.♘xe3∓) 15...♕c7 16.c3 ♗a6 17.♖e1 bxc3 18.♘xc3 ♘f5 19.♗f2 ♕e7∓

**14.♘xd4 ♘xd4 15.♗xd4 ♕c7 16.♘f2 ♘f5 17.c3**

17.♖fc1 ♘xd4 18.♕xd4 f6 19.♘d3 fxe5 (19...g5 20.a3 gxf4 21.gxf4 fxe5 22.♘xe5 ♗h6 23.♘d3 b3 24.cxb3 ♕b6 25.♕xb6 ♖xb6 26.♖c2 ♔h8=) 20.♘xe5 g5 21.♔h1 a5 22.♖e1∓

**17...bxc3 18.♗xc3 ♗a6 19.♖fc1 ♕b7 20.a3 ♖fc8 21.♗h3 d4 22.♗xd4 ♖d8 23.♗xf5 gxf5 24.♖d1 ♖bc8 25.b4 ♗f8 26.♕e3 ♖c2 27.g4**

27.♖d2? ♖xd2 28.♕xd2 ♕d5-+

**27...h5**

27...♖xd4? 28.♖xd4 ♕c7 29.♖ad1+-; 27...♖dc8 28.♖ac1 ♖xc1 29.♖xc1 ♖xc1+ 30.♕xc1 ♕d5 31.♕d1 ♗b7 32.♔f1 ♕g2+ 33.♔e1 ♕xh2 34.gxf5 ♕xf4 35.♕g4+ ♕xg4 36.♘xg4 exf5 37.♘f6+ ♔g7 38.♘d7 ♗e7 39.e6+ ♔g8 40.♗f6 ♗xf6 41.♘xf6+ ♔f8 42.♘xh7+ ♔e7 43.exf7=

**28.♖ac1**

28.♖ab1 ♗e2 29.♖dc1 ♖a2 30.♖b2 ♖xb2 31.♗xb2 ♗xg4 32.♖c3 a5 33.♖d3 ♖xd3 34.♘xd3 axb4 35.axb4 ♗f3∓

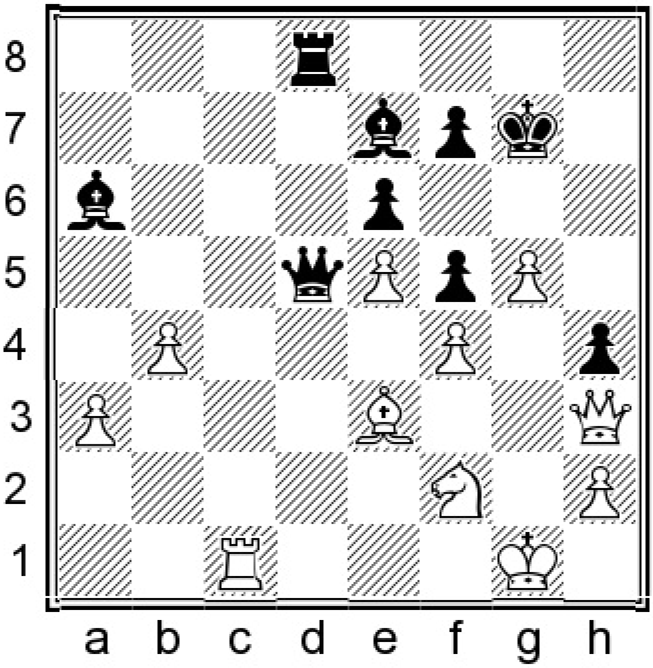
**28...♖xc1 29.♖xc1 ♕d5→ 30.♗xa7 ♗e7 31.♕g3**

31.♖d1 ♕xd1+ 32.♘xd1 ♖xd1+ 33.♔g2 ♗f1+ 34.♔g3 ♖d3 35.g5 ♖xe3+ (35...♗d8 36.♕xd3 ♗xd3=) 36.♗xe3 ♗d8=

**31...h4 32.♕h3 ♔h8 33.g5 ♔g7**

33...♕a2? 34.♕xh4+ ♔g8 35.♕g3±

**34.♗e3**



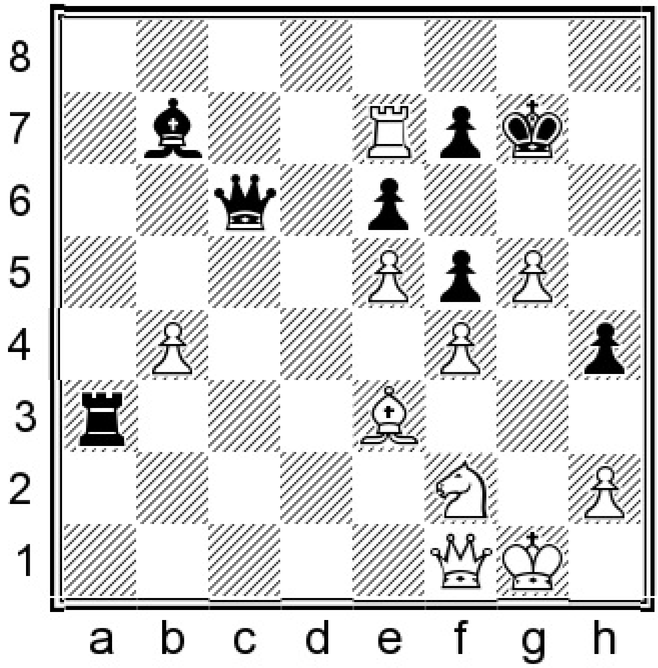
34.♕xh4 ♗b7 35.♕h6+ ♔g8 36.♕h3 ♖a8∓

**34...♖h8! 35.♖d1 ♕b5 36.♖c1 ♕d5 37.♖d1 ♕c4 38.♖c1 ♕a2 39.♖e1 ♗b7 40.♖d1 ♕e2 41.♗b6 ♕c2 42.♗e3 ♕a4 43.♖d3 ♕c6 44.♖d1 ♖a8 45.♖c1 ♕d5 46.♖d1 ♕c4**

46...♕b5 47.♗d4 (47.♕xh4 ♕c6-+) 47...♕c6-+

**47.♖a1?**

47.♖d7? ♖xa3 48.♕f1 (48.♖xb7? ♖a1+ 49.♔g2 ♕d5+ 50.♕f3 ♖g1+ 51.♔xg1 ♕xf3-+) 48...♕c6 49.♖xe7



49...♖a1! (49...♖xe3) 50.♖xb7 ♖xf1+ (50...h3-+) 51.♔xf1 ♕xb7-+; 47.♖c1 ♕a2 (47...♕d5 48.♖d1 ♕b5 49.♖a1 ♗xb4 50.♕xh4 ♖h8 51.♕g3 ♗a5 52.h3 ♕e2 53.a4 ♔g6-+) 48.♖d1 (48.♕xh4 ♕d5 49.♕h6+ ♔g8 50.♕h3-+) 48...♕c4 49.♕xh4 ♕c6 50.♕h6+ ♔g8 51.♕h3-+; 47.♕xh4 ♕c6 48.♕h3 ♖xa3∓

**47...♕c3 48.♖c1 ♕xa3 49.♖d1 ♖d8 50.♖b1 ♕a2 51.♖c1 ♖h8 52.b5 ♕e2 53.♗d4 ♕xb5 54.♗e3 ♖c8 55.♖xc8 ♗xc8 56.♕f1 ♕d5 57.♕d1 ♕c6 58.♕c1 ♕f3! 59.♕xc8 h3 0-1**

**46. * B30**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2702) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2612)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/46, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 e6 4.O-O**

4.♘c3 - 93/(122)

**4...d5 5.♗b5 dxe4 6.♘e5 ♕c7** - 151/46

6...♗d7N 7.♘xc6 ♗xc6 8.♗xc6+ bxc6 9.♘c3 f5 10.♖e1 (10.♕e2 ♕d7 11.♖d1 ♘f6 12.d3 exd3 13.♖xd3 ♘d5 14.b3 ♗d6 15.♘a4±) 10...♕d7 11.f3? (11.d3 exd3 12.cxd3 ♘f6 13.♘a4 ♔f7 14.♗g5=∞) 11...♘f6 12.fxe4 ♕d4+ 13.♔h1 ♘g4-+ Di Nicolantonio,L (2416)-Schrik,R (2211) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 151/(46) 2022

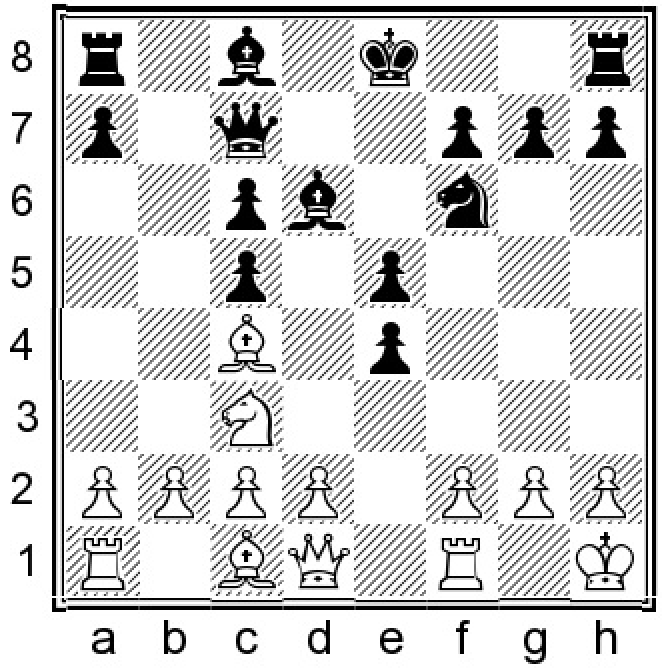
**7.♘xc6N**

7.♕h5? g6 8.♕g5 f6 9.♕g3 ♕xe5 10.♕xe5 fxe5-+

**7...bxc6 8.♗c4 ♗d6 9.♔h1**

9.h3 ♘e7 (9...♘f6 10.♘c3 e5 11.d3 exd3 12.♕xd3 O-O 13.♗g5±) 10.♖e1 O-O 11.♖xe4 f5 12.♖e1 (12.♗xe6+ ♔h8 13.♖e1 ♗xe6 14.♖xe6 f4∓) 12...♔h8 13.d3 ♘d5 14.♘d2⩱

**9...♘f6 10.♘c3 e5**



**11.f3! exf3 12.♕xf3 O-O 13.d3⩱ ♗e6**

13...♖b8!? 14.♗g5 ♘d5 15.♗xd5 (15.♘xd5 cxd5 16.♗xd5 ♗b7=) 15...cxd5 16.♘xd5 ♗b7 17.♘f6+ gxf6 18.♕g4 fxg5 19.♕xg5+ ♔h8 20.♕f6+ ♔g8=

**14.♗xe6 fxe6 15.♗g5 ♕d7**

15...♖ab8 16.♕h3 ♕d7 17.b3 ♘d5 18.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 19.♘e4±

**16.♗xf6**

16.♕e2 ♘d5 17.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 18.♘e4 ♗e7 19.♗d2 ♘f4 20.♕e1±

**16...gxf6**

16...♖xf6 17.♕e2 ♖af8 18.♘e4 ♖f4 19.b3±

**17.♘e4 f5**

17...♗e7 18.♕e3 ♖f7 19.♘xc5 ♕d5 20.♘e4 f5 21.♘d2 ♖d8 22.♖ad1 ♕c5 23.♕xc5 ♗xc5 24.♘f3 ♗d6 25.♖de1 ♖b8 26.b3 ♖b5 27.♖e2±

**18.♘xd6**

18.♘d2!? ♕c7 (18...♗c7 19.♘c4 ♖ad8 20.♖ae1 ♕g7 21.b3±)

**18...♕xd6 19.♖ae1 f4 20.♖e4 ♖ab8 21.b3 ♖b4 22.♖fe1**

22.♕g4+ ♔h8 23.♖fe1 ♖f5 24.a4±

**22...♖f5 23.♕e2 ♖xe4 24.♕g4+**

24.dxe4 ♖f8 25.♖d1 ♕e7 26.♕g4+ ♔h8=

**24...♔h8?!**

24...♔f7 25.♖xe4 ♕d8 26.♕f3 a5 27.♔g1 ♕h4 28.♕f2 ♕h6=

**25.♖xe4 f3?**

25...♕f8 26.♕f3 ♕h6 27.♔g1 a5 28.♕f2±

**26.gxf3 ♕f8 27.♕g3 h6 28.♔g2 ♕f6 29.♖g4 ♔h7 30.♕h4**

30.♕f2 h5 31.♕h4 ♕f7 32.♖g3 ♖f4 33.♕g5+-

**30...♕xh4**

30...♖xf3 31.♕xf6 ♖xf6 32.♖c4+-

**31.♖xh4 ♖f4 32.♖g4**

32.♖xf4? exf4 33.♔h3 ♔g6 34.♔g4 e5=

**32...h5 33.♖g5 ♖f5 34.♖g3 ♖f4 35.♔f2 ♖f7 36.♖g5 ♖f5 37.♖g1 c4 38.dxc4**

38.bxc4 e4 39.dxe4 ♖a5 40.♔e3 ♖xa2 41.♖g5 ♔h6 42.♖e5+-

**38...e4 39.♖g3**

39.♔e3 exf3 40.♖f1 ♖e5+ 41.♔xf3 ♔g6 42.♖g1+ ♔f5 43.h4 ♔f6 44.♖g8 ♖f5+ 45.♔e4+-

**39...h4 40.♖h3 ♔g6 41.♔e3 exf3 42.♖xf3 ♖a5 43.a4 ♖e5+ 44.♔d3 ♖g5 45.b4 ♖g1 46.b5 c5 47.a5 ♖d1+ 48.♔e4 ♖d4+ 49.♔e5 ♖xc4 50.b6 axb6 51.axb6 ♖xc2 52.♖b3 c4 53.♖b1 c3 54.b7 ♖e2+ 55.♔d4 c2 56.♖g1+ 1-0**

### 47. B30
### Oparin, Grigoriy (2681) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704)
### Berlin 151/47, 2022

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e5 4.♗c4 d6 5.d3 ♗e7 6.a4**

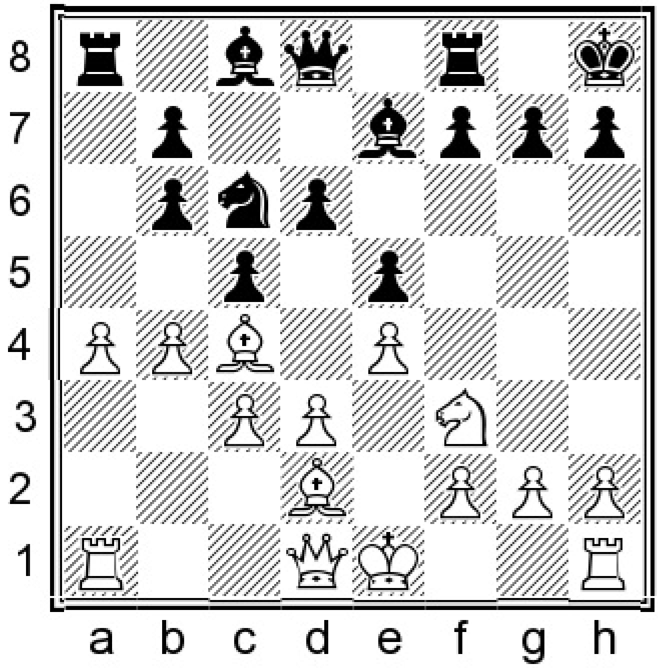
6.♘d2 - 143/37

**6...♘f6 7.♗g5 ♘d7 8.♗d2N**

8.♗xe7 ♕xe7 9.♘d5 ♕d8 10.c3 O-O 11.♘d2 ♘b6 (11...♘f6 12.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 13.♘f1±) 12.♘xb6

♕xb6 13.♕c2 ♔h8 14.O-O f5∞

**8...O-O 9.♘d5 ♘b6 10.♘xb6 axb6 11.c3 ♔h8 12.b4**



**12...♕e8! 13.b5 ♘d8 14.h4**

14.O-O f5 15.♗d5 ♗e6 16.c4 f4∞

**14...f5 15.h5 ♗e6 16.♕b3 ♕d7**

16...♕f7 17.exf5 ♕xf5 18.♗d5 h6 19.♗e3 ♕f7 20.c4 ♗xd5 21.cxd5 ♕f5 22.♕c4 ♘f7∞

**17.♔d1?**

17.h6 g6 18.♗d5 ♗xd5 19.♕xd5 ♗f6 20.♔d1 ♘e6 21.♔c2 ♖ab8∞

**17...fxe4 18.dxe4 ♗xc4 19.♕xc4 ♕g4∓ 20.♕d3 c4!**

20...♕xg2 21.♔e2 c4 22.♕e3 ♕g4-+

**21.♕e3**

21.♕xc4 ♕xg2-+

**21...♘e6 22.♖g1 ♘f4 23.♔c1 ♕xh5**

23...♘d3+ 24.♔c2 h6-+

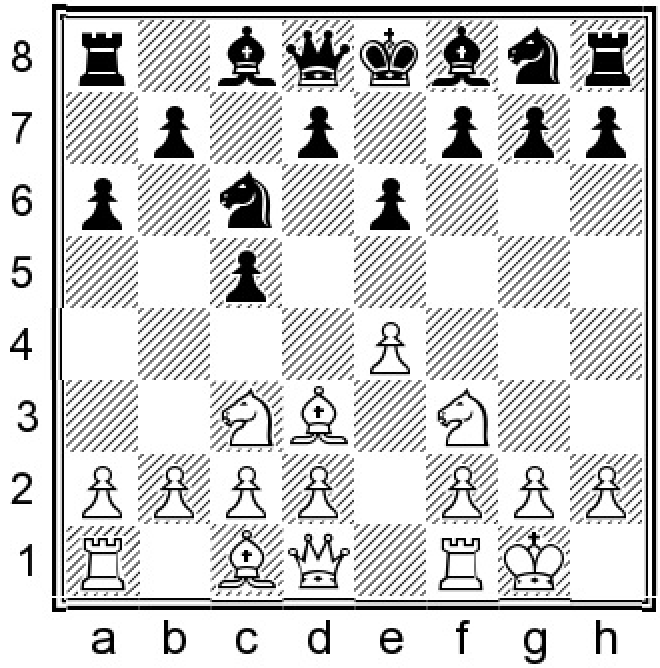
**24.♔c2 ♕g6 25.g3 ♘d3 26.♘h4 ♕e6 27.♘f5 ♖xf5! 28.exf5 ♕xf5-+ 29.g4 ♘b4+ 30.♔d1 ♕c2+ 31.♔e1 ♕b2 32.♖c1 ♘d3+ 33.♔e2 ♖f8 34.f3 e4**

34...d5 35.♖b1 ♕c2

**35.♖h1 d5 36.fxe4 ♖f2+ 37.♔d1 ♕b3+ 38.♖c2 ♕b1+ 39.♖c1 ♘xc1 40.♕xf2 ♘d3+ 41.♔e2 ♕xh1 0-**

**48. ** !N B30**
**Gabrielian, Artur (2464) - Kryakvin, Dmitry (2567)**
**Chelyabinsk 151/48, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘d4 4.♘f3 e6 5.O-O a6 6.♗d3 ♘c6**



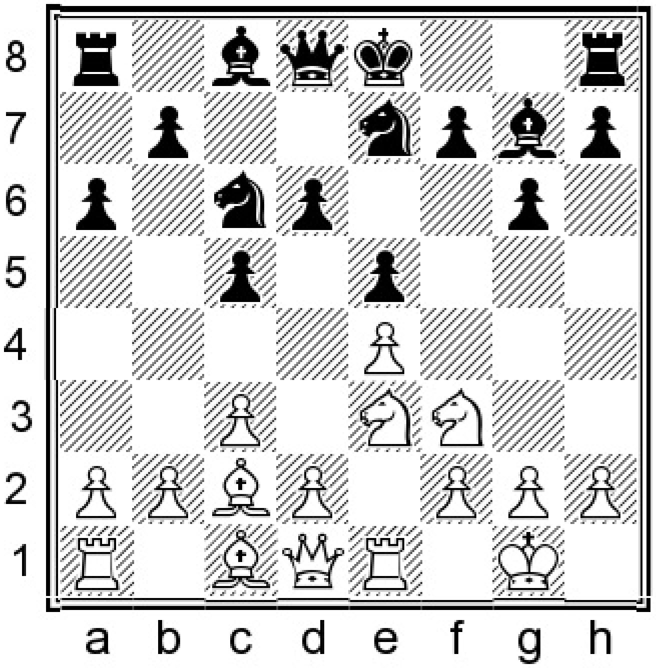
**7.♘d5!?**

7.♗e2 - 86/(173)

**7...g6**

7...♗d6 8.♘e3 ♗c7 9.c3 ♘f6 10.♗c2 O-ON (10...d5 11.exd5 exd5 12.d4 cxd4 13.♘xd4 O-O - 10...d5 14.♘ef5 ♖e8 15.♗g5 ♘xd4 16.♘xd4 (16.♕xd4 ♗xf5 17.♗xf5 ♖e5 18.♗xf6 ♕xf6 19.♗g4 ♗b6 20.♕d3 h5 21.♗f3 ♖d8=) 16...♕d6 17.g3 ♗h3 18.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 19.♕xe1 ♗b6=) 11.d4 cxd4 12.♘xd4 (12.cxd4 d6 13.d5 (13.b3 b5 14.♗b2 ♘e7 15.♖c1 ♗b7 16.d5 e5 17.♘h4 ♗b6∞) 13...♘b4 14.♗b3 a5 15.dxe6 ♗xe6 16.a3 ♘a6 17.♗c2 ♘c5∞) 12...b5 (12...d5!? 13.exd5 exd5 - 10...d5) 13.f4 ♘xd4 (13...♗b7 14.e5 ♘e8 15.♔h1 f5⇄) 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 ♘e4 16.f5 exf5 17.♘xf5± Shahinyan,D (2486)-Mikaelyan,A (2508) Armenia (ch) 151/(48) 2022

**8.♖e1 ♗g7 9.c3 d6 10.♘e3 ♘ge7 11.♗c2 e5**



**12.b4!N**

12.h4 - 151/(48) 12...O-O 13.h5 b5 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.a4 ♖b8 16.axb5 axb5 17.d3 h6 18.♗b3+ ♔h8 19.♔h2 ♘a5 Shahinyan,D (2486)-Martirosyan,H (2621) Armenia (ch) 151/(48) 2022 (19...♘a5 20.♗a2 b4 21.♖h1 b3 22.♗b1±)12.d3

**12...b6**

12...cxb4 13.a3 bxa3 (13...bxc3 14.dxc3 O-O 15.a4 ♕c7 16.♗a3 ♖d8 17.♗b3=∞) 14.♗xa3 b5 15.d4=∞

**13.a3**

13.bxc5! dxc5 (13...bxc5 14.♖b1 O-O 15.h4 ♗e6 (15...h6 16.h5 g5 17.a4 f5 18.exf5 ♘xf5 19.♘xf5 ♗xf5 20.♗xf5 ♖xf5 21.d3±) 16.a4±) 14.a4 O-O 15.♖b1 ♕c7 (15...♖b8 16.♗a3 ♕c7 (16...h6 17.a5 ♘xa5 18.♗xc5±) 17.♕e2 h6 18.♗d3±) 16.♕e2 ♖d8 17.h4±

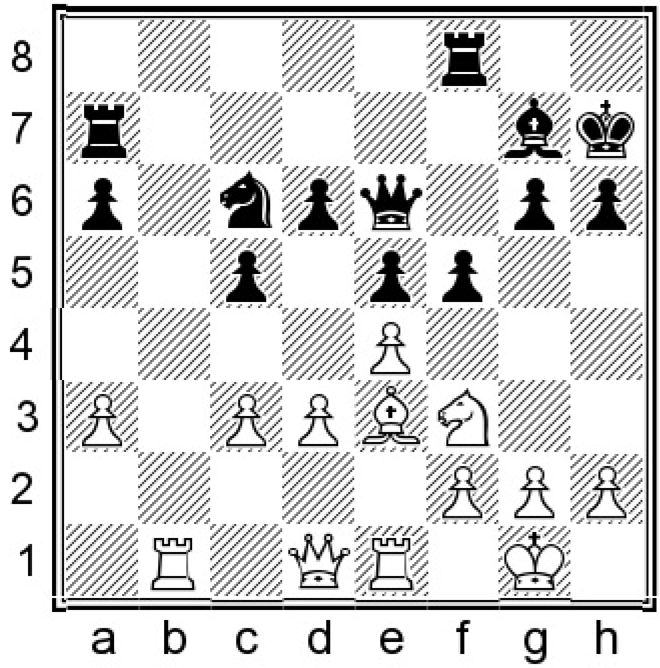
**13...O-O 14.♗b3 h6 15.♘d5 ♔h7**

⌓15...♖a7 16.d3 ♘xd5 17.♗xd5 ♘e7 18.♗b3 ♔h7 19.a4 f5∞

**16.d3 ♗e6 17.♖b1 ♖a7 18.♗e3 f5?!**

18...♗xd5 19.exd5 ♘b8 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.c4±

**19.♘xe7 ♕xe7 20.♗xe6 ♕xe6 21.bxc5 bxc5**



**22.♖b6?!**

22.exf5! gxf5 (22...♕xf5 23.♖b6 ♕d7 24.♕b3 ♘e7 25.♘d2±) 23.d4! ♕c4 (23...e4 24.d5+-; 23...♕c8 24.dxc5 dxc5 25.♗xc5 ♖d7 26.♕a4+-) 24.♖b6 cxd4 25.cxd4 ♖c7 26.d5 ♘d4 27.♘xd4 exd4 28.♗f4±

**22...f4 23.♗d2**

23.♖xc6 fxe3 24.fxe3 ♖b8 25.d4 exd4 26.cxd4 ♕xe4 27.♖xd6 ♖c7=∞

**23...♖b8 24.♖xb8 ♘xb8 25.♕c2 ♖b7?!**

25...♖b7 26.♖b1 ♕c8 27.♗e1 ♗f8 28.♘d2±; 25...c4 26.d4 ♖b7 27.♖b1 ♕c8 28.♗e1 ♘d7=

**1/2-1/2**

**49. B31**
**Caruana, Fabiano (2792) - Carlsen, Magnus (2865)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/49, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.O-O ♗g7 5.c3 ♘f6 6.♖e1 O-O 7.d4 d5 8.e5 ♘e4 9.♗e3**

9.♗xc6 - 143/39

**9...cxd4 10.cxd4 ♕b6 11.♕e2 ♗d7 12.♗a4 ♖ac8 13.♘c3**

13.h3 ♖fd8 14.♘a3 ♘b4 15.♗b3 a5∞

**13...♘xc3 14.bxc3 ♕d8 15.♗b3 ♘a5 16.♖ac1N**

16.♗d2 ♘c4 17.♗f4 ♗g4 18.h3 ♗xf3 19.♕xf3 e6=; 16.♖ec1 ♗e6 17.h3 a6 18.♗f4 ♕d7∞

**16...♘xb3 17.axb3 ♕b6**

17...a5 18.c4 a4 19.bxa4 dxc4 20.♖xc4 ♖xc4 21.♕xc4 ♕a5 22.♖b1 ♖c8 23.♕b3 ♗c6∞

**18.♕a2 a5 19.♕a3 ♖fe8 20.c4 dxc4 21.bxc4 ♕a6 22.c5 ♗c6**

22...e6 23.h4 ♗c6 24.h5 b5 25.cxb6

**23.♖b1 a4**

23...b5!? 24.cxb6 e6 25.d5 ♗xd5 26.♖a1 ♗f8 27.♕a4 ♕c4 28.♘d4 ♗b4∞

**24.♖ec1**

24.♘d2 b5 25.cxb6 e6 26.♘b3 ♕xb6 27.d5 ♕c7 28.dxc6 axb3 29.♖ec1 ♗xe5 30.♖xb3 ♗xh2+ 31.♔f1 ♗f4∞

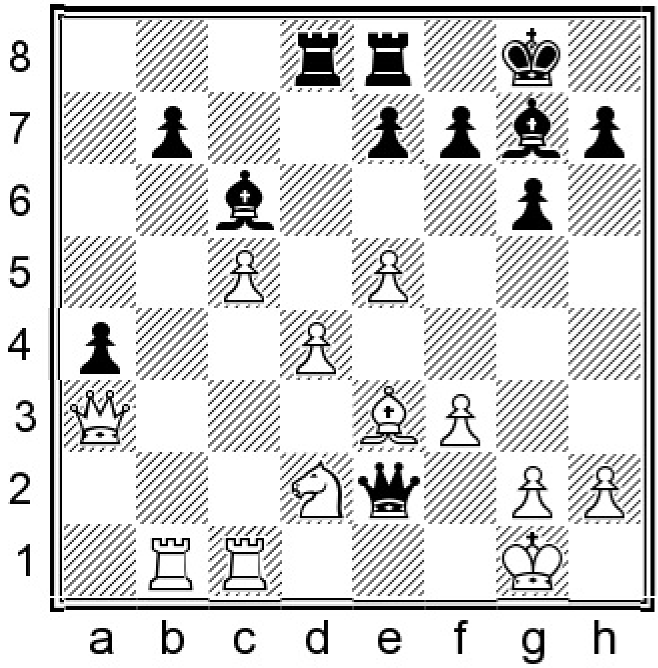
**24...♖cd8**

24...b5 25.cxb6 (25.♘e1 ♕b7 26.f3 f6 27.exf6 ♗xf6 28.♘d3 ♖ed8∓) 25...e6 26.d5 ♗xd5 27.♗c5 ♗f8 28.♗xf8 ♖xc1+ 29.♖xc1 ♖xf8 30.h4 ♕xb6 31.♕xa4 ♗xf3 32.gxf3=

**25.♘d2 ♕e2**

25...f6 26.exf6 ♗xf6 27.♘f3 ♕a5∞

**26.f3?!**



26.♘f3 f6 27.♖b2 ♕a6 28.exf6 ♗xf6 29.h3 ♗xf3 30.♖b6 ♕e2 (30...♕a5 31.gxf3 ♗xd4 32.♗xd4 ♖xd4 33.♖xb7=) 31.♖b2 ♕a6=

**26...♖xd4! 27.♗xd4 ♕xd2 28.♖d1 ♕f4∓ 29.♕b4**

29.♖d3 ♗xe5 30.♗xe5 ♕xe5 31.♖bd1 ♔g7∓

**29...e6 30.♗c3 ♕xb4 31.♗xb4**

31.♖xb4 ♗f8 32.♗d4 ♖d8 33.♖c4 a3 34.♔f2 a2-+

**31...♗xe5 32.♗a3 ♗f6 33.♔f2 ♗e7-+ 34.♖b6 ♖c8 35.♖d2 f6**

35...g5 36.♔e3 ♔g7

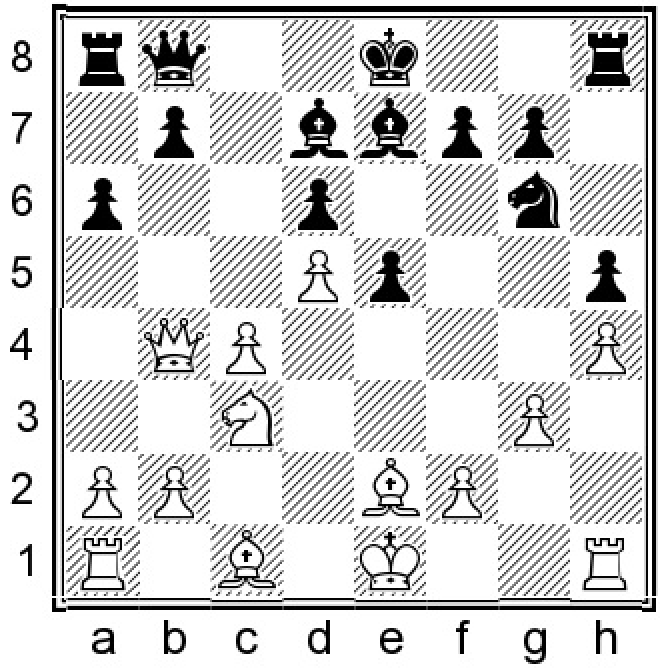
**36.f4 e5 37.fxe5 fxe5 38.♖e2 ♖f8+ 39.♔e1 ♖f5 40.♖b1 e4 41.♖c1 ♗h4+ 42.g3 ♗g5 43.♖b1 ♖f3 44.♗c1 ♗f6 45.♖b6 ♖f5 46.♗a3 ♔f7 47.♖f2 ♖f3 48.♖xf3 exf3 49.♔f1 ♗d4 0-1**

**50. * B33**
**Shankland, Samuel L (2708) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2612)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/50, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘db5 d6 7.♘d5 ♘xd5 8.exd5 ♘e7 9.c4 ♘g6 10.♕a4 ♗d7 11.♕b4 ♕b8 12.h4 h5 13.♗e2**

13.♗e3 - 145/37

**13...a6 14.♘c3 ♗e7 15.g3**



**15...b5! 16.cxb5** - 151/50

16.a4N bxc4 (16...a5!? 17.♕b3 bxc4 18.♕xc4 ♗d8 19.♖a3 ♗b6 20.♖b3 ♕d8∞) 17.♕xb8+ ♖xb8 18.♗xc4 ♗c8 19.a5 (19.O-O f5 20.♖b1 e4∞) 19...f5 20.♖b1 ♖b4 (20...e4 21.b4 ♗f6 22.♖b3 ♘e5 23.♗e2 ♗d8∞) 21.b3 e4 22.♗a3 ♖b8 23.♘a4 f4∓ Pasti,A (2411)-Lagarde,M (2632) Cattolica 151/(50) 2022

**16...axb5 17.♘xb5 O-O 18.a4 f5=∞ 19.♗xh5**

19.♖a3 f4 20.♗d2 ♗d8! 21.♕xd6 ♕xd6 22.♘xd6 ♗e7 23.♘e4 ♗xa3 24.bxa3 ♘e7 25.♗b4 ♘xd5

26.♗c4 ♗e6 27.♗xf8 ♔xf8=

**19...♗xb5 20.♗xg6 ♗d8 21.♕b3N**

21.♗d2 ♕b7 22.♕b3 ♕b6=

**21...♗a5+ 22.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 23.♔xd2 ♕a7**

23...♕b6 24.♕xb5 ♕xf2+ 25.♕e2 ♕xg3 26.♗h5 ♕f4+ 27.♕e3 ♕b4+ 28.♔e2 ♖ac8=∞

**24.♕e3 ♕a5+ 25.♕c3 ♕b6= 26.♕e3 ♕a5+ 27.♕c3 ♕b6 28.♕e3 1/2-1/2**

**51. B33**
**Murzin, Volodar (2519) - Warmerdam, Max (2607)**
**Wijk aan Zee II 151/51, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗f4 e5 8.♗g5 a6 9.♘a3 b5 10.♘d5 ♗e7 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.c4 ♘d4 13.cxb5 ♗b7 14.♘c3 O-O 15.♗d3**

15.bxa6 ♖xa6! 16.♗xa6 (16.♘c4 ♗h4! (16...d5 17.exd5 ♗xd5 18.♘e3 ♗b7 19.♗xa6 ♗xa6=∞) 17.♗d3 (17.g3 f5! 18.♗g2 (18.gxh4 fxe4 19.♗g2 ♕f6 20.O-O d5-+) 18...fxe4 19.O-O ♔h8∓) 17...f5∓) 16...♗xa6=∞ - 99/88

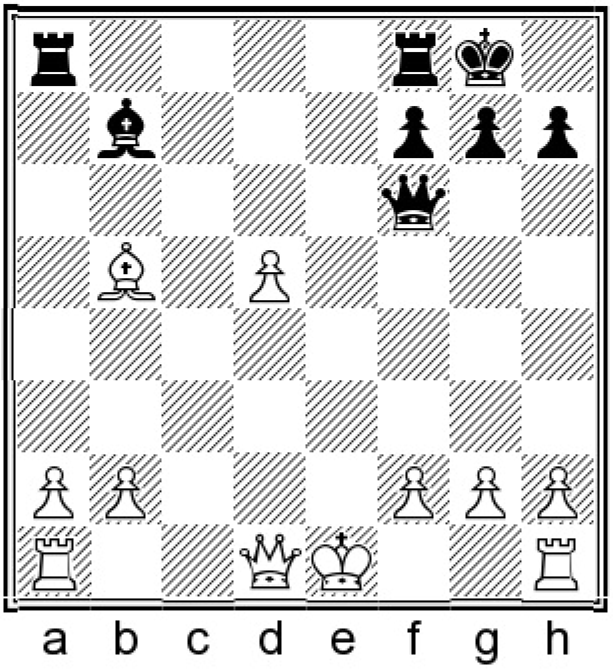
**15...axb5 16.♘axb5 d5 17.exd5**

17.♘xd4 dxe4 18.♘xe4 ♕xd4 19.♘xf6+ gxf6 20.♗f5 ♕f4 21.♕g4+ ♕xg4 22.♗xg4 ♖fb8=∞

**17...e4 18.♘xe4?!N**

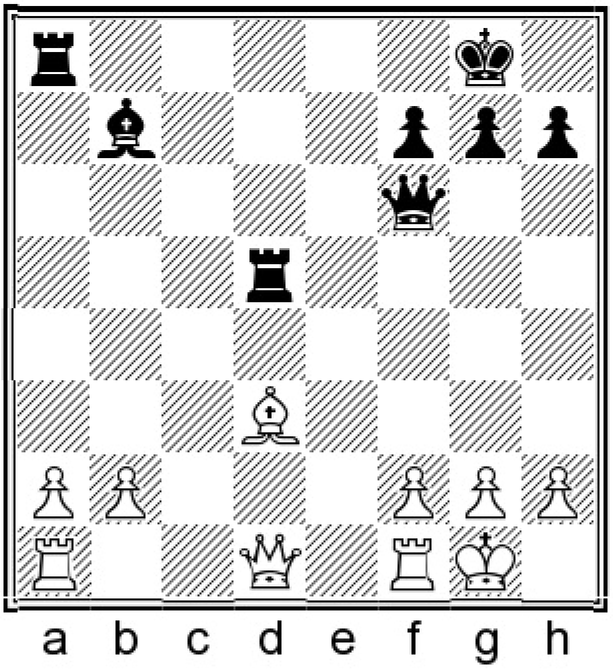
18.♗c4 ♘xb5 19.♗xb5 ♕a5 20.♖b1 (20.a4?! ♗xc3+ 21.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 22.♔e2 ♕e5∓) 20...♗xc3+ 21.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 22.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 23.♔xd2 ♖xa2+ 24.♔e3 ♗xd5 25.♖a1=

**18...♘xb5 19.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 20.♗xb5**



**20...♗a6?**

20...♖fd8! 21.O-O (21.♗c4 ♖ac8 22.♖c1 (22.b3 ♗xd5 23.♗xd5 ♖xd5-+) 22...♖xc4 23.♖xc4 ♗xd5 24.♖d4 ♕e5+ 25.♔f1 ♗c4+-+) 21...♖xd5 22.♕b3 (22.♗d3



22...♕c6!! (22...♖ad8? 23.♕b3+-) 23.♖c1 ♖xd3-+) 22...♖g5 23.g3 (23.f3 ♕b6+-+) 23...♖xb5! 24.♕xb5 ♕f3-+

**21.♗xa6 ♕xa6 22.f3 ♖fe8+ 23.♔f2 ♕b6+ 24.♔g3 ♕d6+= 25.♔f2 ♕c5+ 26.♔g3 ♕d6+ 27.♔f2 ♕c5+ 28.♔g3 ♖a6 29.♖e1 ♖g6+ 30.♔h3 ♖h6+ 31.♔g3 ♖g6+ 32.♔h3 ♖h6+ 33.♔g3 ♖g6+ 34.♔h3 ♖h6+ 35.♔g3 ♖g6+ 36.♔h3 ♖h6+ 37.♔g3 ♖g6+ 1/2-1/2**

**52. B33**
**Piorun, Kacper (2623) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2656)**
**Deutschland 151/52, 2021**

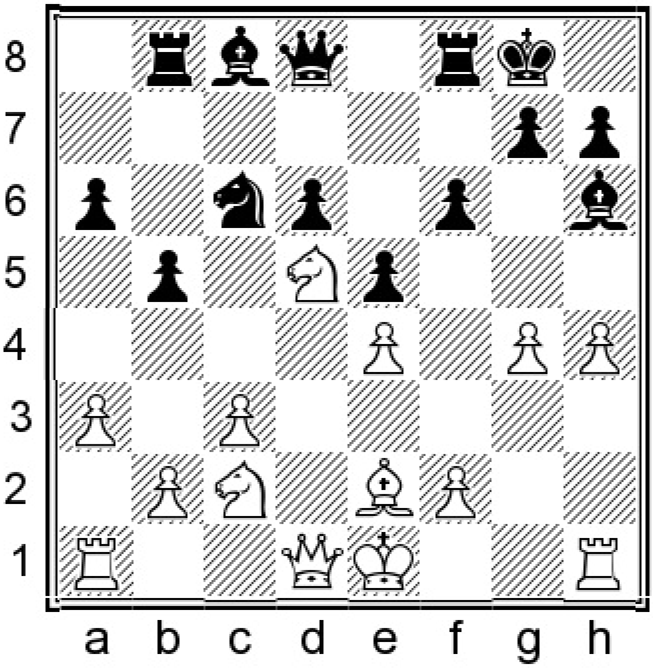
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘db5 d6 7.♗f4 e5 8.♗g5 a6 9.♘a3 b5 10.♘d5 ♗e7 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.c3 ♖b8 13.♘c2 ♗g5 14.a3 O-O 15.h4 ♗h6 16.g4**

16.g3 a5 17.♗g2 ♘e7 18.♘ce3 ♗xe3 19.♘xe3 ♗e6=

**16...f6**

16...g6 17.g5 ♗g7 18.♗h3 (18.♕f3!?) 18...♗e6 (18...h5? 19.gxh6 ♗xh6 20.♗xc8 ♖xc8 21.h5 g5 22.♘ce3+-) 19.♘cb4±; 16...♗f4!? 17.♕f3 ♗e6 18.♘xf4 exf4 19.♕xf4 ♘e5 20.♘e3 a5 21.♗e2 b4 22.cxb4 axb4 23.a4 ♘g6 24.♕g3 (24.♕f3!? ♘xh4 25.♕g3 ♘g6 26.g5=∞) 24...♕f6 25.O-O ♕xb2 26.♗b5 ♕d4 27.h5 ♘e5 28.♖ad1 ♕c5 (28...♕xe4 29.f4↑) 29.♔h1 b3 30.f4 ♘c4 31.♘f5 b2⇄

**17.♗e2**



17.♖g1 ♔h8 18.♕d3 ♘e7 (18...♖f7 19.♕g3 g6 20.g5 fxg5 21.hxg5↑) 19.♘cb4 ♗b7 20.♖d1 ♘g6∞

**17...♔h8!?N**

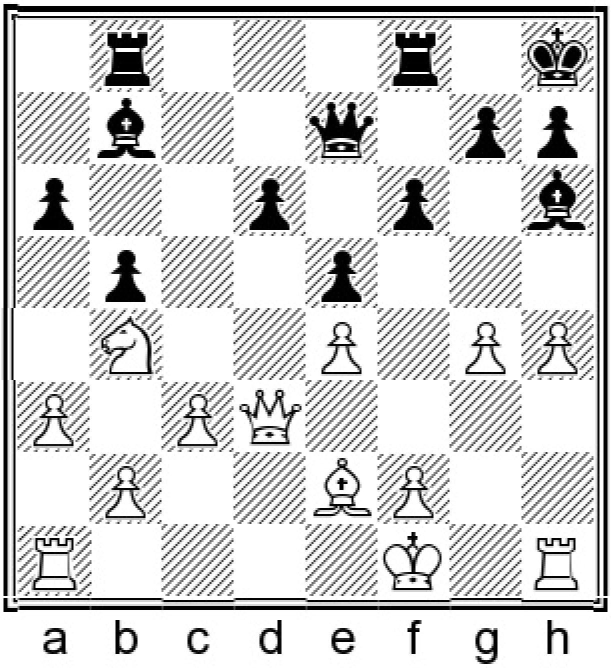
17...♘e7 18.♘cb4 ♗b7 19.♘xe7+ (19.♕d3 ♘g6 20.h5 ♘h8!? Δ Nf7∞) 19...♕xe7 20.♕d3 (20.♘d5 ♕f7 21.c4 ♔h8=) 20...♗f4 21.♖d1 ♕f7 22.♔f1 ♖fd8!? 23.♖h3 (23.♘d5 ♗xd5 24.exd5 ♖f8 Δ f5) 23...♖bc8 24.♕c2 h5!? 25.gxh5 f5⇄; 17...a5 18.♕d3 ♘e7 (- 89/(109)) 19.♖d1 ♗b7 (19...♗e6 20.♘ce3 ♗xe3 21.♘xe3 ♖b6 22.h5 h6 23.O-O ♕a8!?) 20.♘ce3 (20.♗f3? ♘xd5 21.exd5 ♗c8! 22.♗e2 (22.♘e3 ♗xe3 23.♕xe3 f5 24.gxf5 ♗xf5 25.h5 b4∓) 22...♗d7 23.♘e3 ♗xe3 24.fxe3 b4 25.axb4 axb4 26.c4 f5∓) 20...♘xd5 (20...♗xe3 21.♘xe3 ♘g6 22.f3 ♕b6 23.♘g2 ♖fd8 24.h5 ♘f8 25.h6 g6 26.♕xb5 ♕xb5 27.♗xb5 ♗xe4 28.♗c4+ d5 29.fxe4 dxc4 30.♖xd8 ♖xd8 31.♘e3±) 21.♘xd5 ♔h8 (21...♗c8 22.♖g1↑)

22.b4 ♗c6 (22...♗c8 23.a4!±) 23.♖h3 ♗d7 24.♘e3 ♗xe3 25.♖xe3 ♕c8 26.f3 h5!? (26...axb4 27.cxb4 ♖b6 28.♕d2 Δ Rc3↑) 27.♕xd6 ♗e6! 28.♕c5 ♕xc5 29.bxc5 ♖fc8 30.♖d6 ♗c4 31.♗xc4 bxc4 32.gxh5 ♔h7=; 17...♖f7!? 18.♘cb4 (18.♘ce3 ♗xe3 19.♘xe3 ♗e6 20.h5 h6 21.O-O ♖d7 22.a4 ♕c8!?∞) 18...♘a7!? (18...♗b7 19.♕d3 a5 20.♘xc6 ♗xc6 21.♖d1↑) 19.♕d3 a5 20.♘c2 ♗e6 21.♘ce3 ♗xe3 22.♘xe3 ♖d7 23.h5 ♘c8 24.O-O ♘e7∞

**18.♔f1**

18.♘cb4 ♗b7 19.♕d3 ♘e7 20.♖h3!? a5 (20...♘xd5 21.♘xd5 ♗c8 22.♔f1 ♗e6 23.♖d1 ♕c8 24.♖g3 ♕c5 25.b4 ♕a7 26.c4 g6 27.cxb5 axb5 28.♘e3 ♗f4 29.♖h3↑) 21.♘xe7 ♕xe7 (21...axb4 22.♘d5 bxc3 23.♘xc3 ♗c6 24.♘d5 ♕d7 25.♔f1±) 22.♘d5 ♕f7 (22...♕d8 23.b4) 23.♖d1 (23.b4 f5!?⇄) 23...♗c8!? 24.b4 axb4 25.cxb4 ♗e6 26.♘c3!? ♗b3 27.♘xb5 ♗xd1 28.♕xd1 ♖bd8 29.♖d3 ♖d7 30.♘xd6 ♕e6 31.♘f5 ♖xd3 32.♕xd3 ♗c1∞

**18...♘e7 19.♘cb4 ♗b7 20.♘xe7 ♕xe7 21.♕d3?!**



21.♘d5 ♕f7 22.♗f3 g6 23.h5 ♔g7∞

**21...f5! 22.gxf5 ♖xf5 23.exf5 ♗xh1∓ 24.♘xa6**

24.♖d1 ♕xh4 (24...♖d8 25.h5 ♗b7 26.♘d5 ♕f7 27.♗f3 ♖e8∓) 25.♕g3 ♕xg3 26.fxg3 ♖b6 27.♔f2 ♗e4 28.g4 g6 29.fxg6 ♗xg6 (29...hxg6 30.♗f3=) 30.♘d5 ♖b7 (30...♖b8 31.♘e7=) 31.♘b4 ♖f7+ 32.♔e1 a5 33.♘c6 ♖f6 34.♘xa5 ♗f4! 35.♗d3 (35.♗xb5 ♗c2∓) 35...e4 36.♗xb5 ♗g3+ 37.♔d2 ♖f2+ 38.♔e3 ♖xb2∓

**24...♖f8**

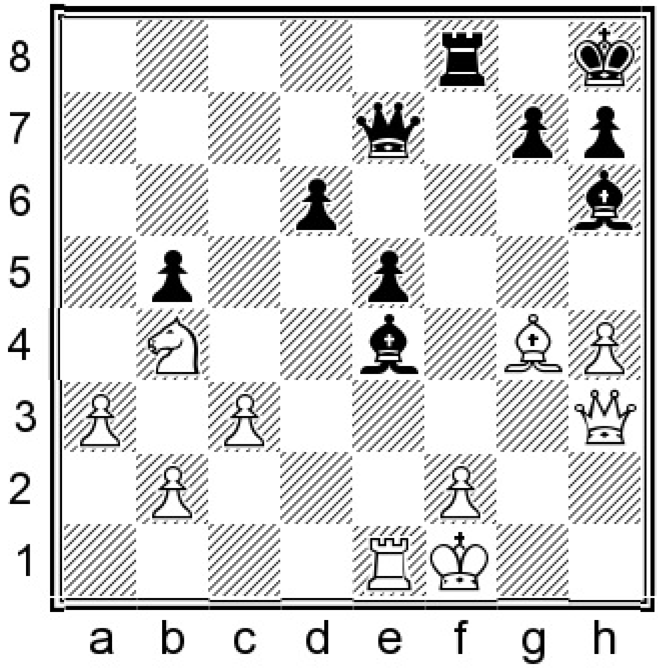
24...♖g8! 25.♘b4 g6∓

**25.♕h3?**

25.♖d1! d5 (25...♕xh4 26.♕g3 ♕e7 27.♕d3 ♖f6 28.♘b4 ♕f8∓) 26.♕g3 ♗e4 27.♗g4! ♗f4 (27...g6 28.fxg6 ♗f4 29.♕h3∞) 28.♕h3 ♕d6 (28...d4!? 29.♖e1 dxc3 30.bxc3 ♗b7∓) 29.♘b4 h5!? (29...g6 30.fxg6 ♕xg6 31.h5 ♕g5 32.♘xd5 ♗c2=∞) 30.♗xh5 ♗xf5 31.♗g4 ♗e4 32.f3 ♗h7 33.♖xd5 ♕h6 34.♔g2 ♕b6↑ Δ Qe3

**25...♗e4 26.♗d3**

26.♗g4 g6! 27.fxg6 ♕a7-+; 26.♘b4 ♗xf5 27.♗g4 ♗e4 28.♖e1



28...♕f6! 29.♕g3 (29.♖e2 ♕f4-+) 29...♗b7 30.♘d3 b4!-+

**26...♗xd3+ 27.♕xd3 ♕b7**

27...♕xh4 28.♖e1 g6-+

**28.♕xd6**

28.♖d1 ♕xa6 29.♕xd6 ♕a8-+

**28...♕h1+ 29.♔e2 ♕e4+! 30.♔f1 ♕xf5-+ 31.♕c5 ♕h3+ 32.♔e1**

32.♔g1 ♖f4

**32...♕h1+ 33.♔e2 ♕f3+ 34.♔e1 e4**

34...♖d8

**35.♘b4 e3 0-1**

**53. B45**
**Puranik, Abhimanyu Sameer (2604) - Erigaisi, Arjun (2629)**
**Sitges 151/53, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗f4 d6 7.♗g3 e5**

7...a6 - 60/(185)

**8.♘xc6N**

8.♘b3

**8...bxc6 9.♗c4 ♗e7 10.♕d3 a5 11.O-O-O a4 12.f4 ♕a5 13.a3 O-O 14.f5?!**

14.fxe5! dxe5 15.♗h4 ♗g4 16.♖df1∞

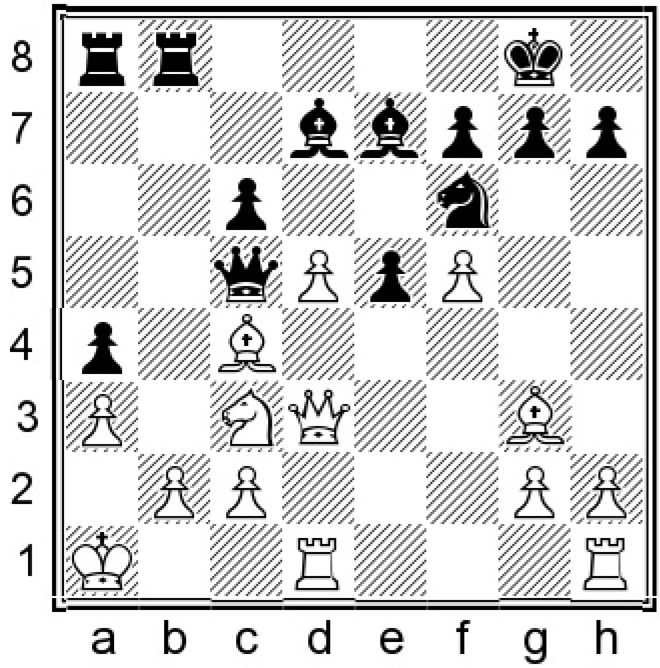
**14...♗d7**

14...♕b6!∓

**15.♔b1 ♖fb8 16.♔a2 ♕c5 17.♔a1?**

17.♖b1 d5 (17...♘h5∞) 18.exd5 ♗xf5 19.♕xf5 ♕xc4+ 20.♔a1 ♘xd5 21.♘xd5 ♕xd5 22.♕xe5 ♕xe5 23.♗xe5 ♖b5=

**17...d5! 18.exd5**



**18...♖xb2! 19.♔xb2**

19.♗xe5 ♖b7 20.♘e4 ♘xe4 21.♕xe4 ♕xa3+ 22.♗a2 ♗d6-+

**19...e4?**

19...♕xa3+ 20.♔b1 ♖b8+ 21.♘b5 (21.♗b5 ♗xf5! 22.♕xf5 ♕xc3-+) 21...♕b4+ 22.♔a1 cxb5 23.♖b1 ♕d6 24.♗a2 ♘h5 25.♗f2 b4-+

**20.♘xe4 ♘xe4 21.♗e5!**

21.♕xe4 ♕xa3+ 22.♔b1 ♗f6 23.♗e5 (23.♖d4 ♗xf5! 24.♕f4 ♕b4+ 25.♔c1 a3 26.♕xf5 ♗xd4-+) 23...♖b8+-+

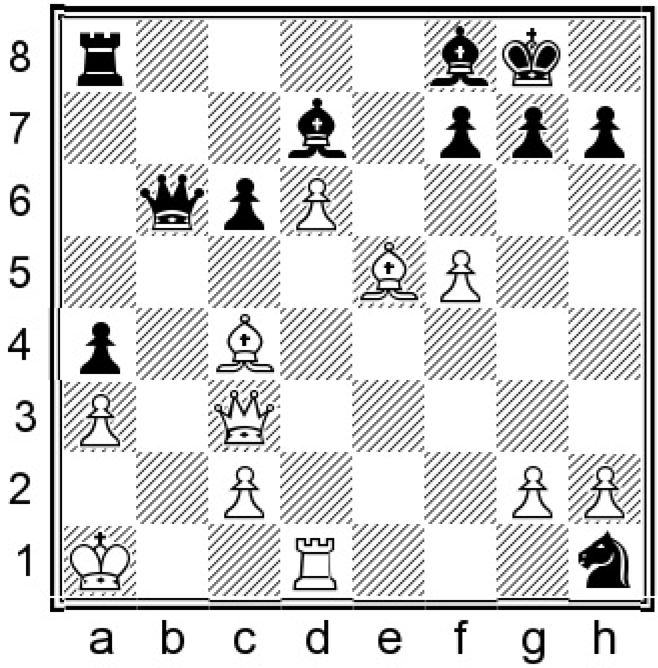
**21...♘f2 22.♕c3 ♘xh1?**

22...♘xd1+ 23.♖xd1 cxd5 24.♖xd5 (24.♗xd5 ♕b6+ 25.♔a1 ♖c8 26.♕d3 ♗f6! 27.♕d4 (27.♗xf7+ ♔f8 28.♗xf6 ♕xf6+ 29.♕d4 ♔xf7 30.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 31.♖xd7 ♖xc2=) 27...♗xe5 28.♕xe5 ♖xc2 29.♗xf7+ ♔f8∞) 24...♕b6+ 25.♔a2 ♗xf5 26.♖b5 (26.♗xg7 ♗xc2! 27.♕xc2 ♔xg7∞) 26...♕f2⇄

**23.d6! ♕b6+?**

23...♖b8+ 24.♔a2 ♕xe5! 25.♕xe5 ♗f6 26.♕xf6 gxf6 27.♖f1! (27.♖xh1 ♗xf5∞) 27...c5 28.♖xh1 ♗xf5 29.♖f1 ♗xc2 30.♖f2±

**24.♔a1 ♗f8**



**25.♖xh1**

25.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 26.♕c4+ ♔e8 27.♖e1 ♕f2 (27...♔d8 28.♕g8 ♔c8 29.♕xf8+ ♕d8 30.♕xg7+-) 28.♗g3+ ♕xe1+ 29.♗xe1+-

**25...♗xf5**

25...♕f2 26.♖b1 ♕xg2 27.♖b7+-

**26.♗xf7+! ♔xf7 27.♖f1**

27.♕c4+ ♔g6 28.g4 h6 (28...♗d7 29.♖f1+-) 29.gxf5+ ♔h7 30.d7+-

**27...♕b5 28.♖xf5+ ♔g8 29.♖f4 ♖d8 30.♕d4 ♕e2 31.♖f2 ♕e1+ 32.♔a2 ♗xd6 33.♕c4+ ♔h8 34.♗xg7+! 1-0**

**54. B45**
**Rapport, Richard (2763) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/54, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.a3 d5 7.exd5**

7.♗b5 - 86/(156)

**7...♘xd5 8.♘xd5 ♕xd5 9.♘xc6 ♕xc6N**

9...bxc6

**10.♗e3 ♗d7 11.♕d2**

11.♕d4!? ♕xc2 12.♗d3 ♕b3 13.O-O ♗c6 14.♗e4 ♗xe4 15.♕xe4 ♖d8 16.♗xa7 ♗d6=

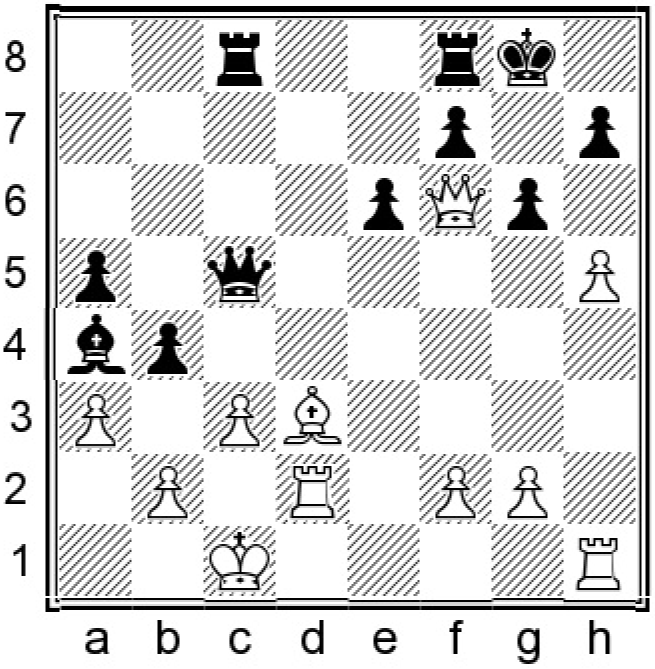
**11...♗c5 12.O-O-O ♗xe3 13.♕xe3 ♖c8 14.c3**

14.♗d3 ♕c5 15.♕g3 O-O 16.♖he1 ♖fd8=

**14...♕c5 15.♕g3 g6 16.♗d3 ♗a4 17.♖d2 b5 18.♕f4**

18.h4 a5 19.h5 b4 20.hxg6 bxc3 21.gxf7+ ♔xf7 22.♕f4+ ♔e7 23.♕h4+ ♔f7=

**18...a5 19.♕f6 O-O 20.h4 b4 21.h5**



**21...h6!**

21...bxc3?? 22.h6 cxd2+ (22...cxb2+ 23.♔xb2 ♖b8+ 24.♔a1 ♕xa3+ 25.♖a2+-) 23.♔xd2+-

**22.axb4**

22.hxg6 bxc3 23.gxf7+ ♖xf7 24.♕g6+ ♖g7 25.♕xe6+ ♖f7 26.♕g6+ (26.♗h7+ ♔h8 27.♖d8+ ♖xd8

28.♕xh6 cxb2+ 29.♔b1 ♕c1+ 30.♖xc1 bxc1=♕+ 31.♔xc1 ♖d1+ 32.♔b2 ♖b7+ 33.♔a2 ♗b3+ 34.♔b2 ♗a4+) 26...♖g7=

**22...axb4 23.c4 ♕g5! 24.♕xg5 hxg5 25.hxg6 ♗b3! 26.♖h5 ♗xc4 27.♗xc4 ♖xc4+ 28.♔d1 fxg6 29.♖xg5 1/2-1/2**

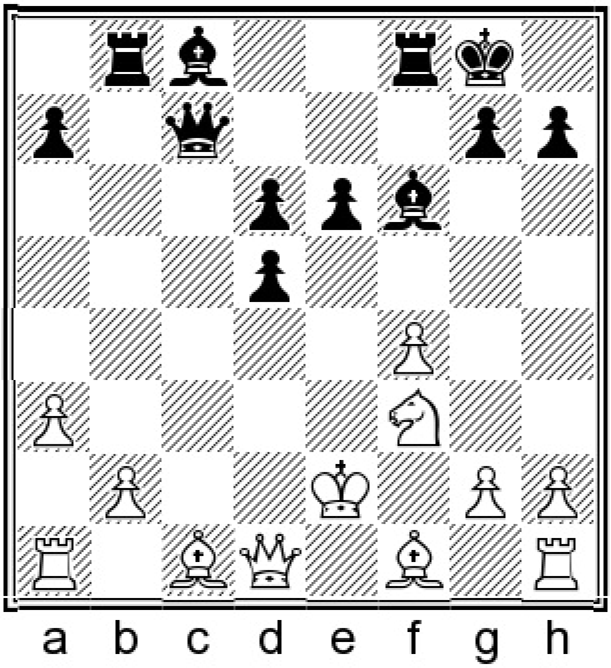
**55. * B45**
**Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2756) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2651)**
**Terme Catez 151/55, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.e5 ♘d5 8.♘e4 ♕c7 9.f4 ♖b8 10.c4 ♗b4+ 11.♔e2 O-O 12.a3**

12.cxd5 cxd5 13.♘f2 d6 - 145/43

**12...♗e7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.♘d6!**

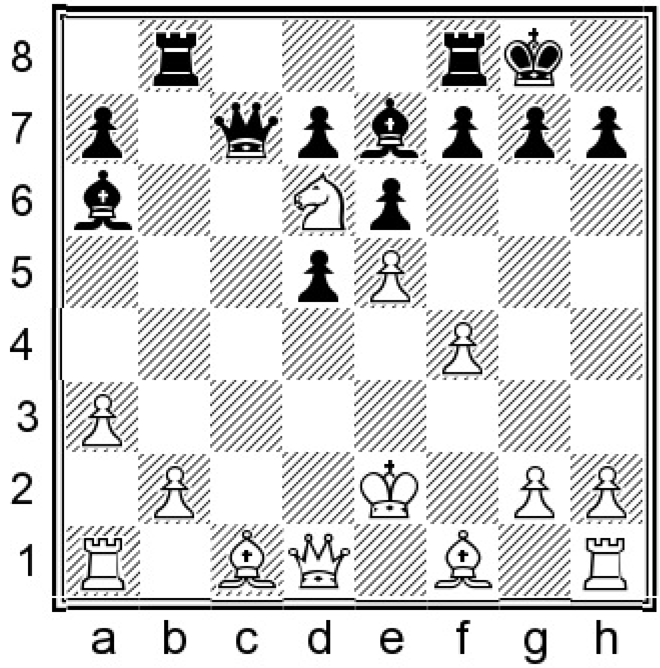
14.♘c3? f6! 15.exf6 ♗xf6 16.♕d2 (16.♕d3 ♗a6! 17.♕xa6 ♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♕xc3 19.g3 ♕xa1 20.♗d2 ♕d4 21.♕d3 ♕a4! 22.♗g2 ♖b3 23.♕c2 ♕b5+ 24.♔f2 ♕b6+ 25.♔e1 ♖b8-+) 16...♗b7 17.♔d1 d4∓; 14.♘d2 f6 (14...d6 15.♘f3 dxe5 16.♘xe5 f6 17.♘f3 ♖d8 18.♔f2 ♕b6+ 19.♔g3 g5 20.h3 gxf4+ 21.♔h2 e5 22.b4 ♔h8=/∞) 15.♘f3 fxe5 16.♘xe5 (16.fxe5 d6 17.exd6 ♕xd6 18.♔e1 e5 19.♗e2 ♗g4∓) 16...d6 17.♘f3 ♗f6



18.♔e1! (18.♔f2 ♗xb2 19.♗xb2 ♖xb2+ 20.♗e2 (20.♔g3? ♕f7!+-) 20...♕b6+ 21.♕d4 ♕xd4+ 22.♘xd4 ♖xf4+ 23.♘f3 g5∓) 18...♗xb2 19.♗xb2 ♖xb2 20.♕d4 ♕a5+ 21.♘d2 ♖c2 22.♕b4 ♕c7 23.♗d3 a5 24.♕d4 ♕c3 25.♕xc3 ♖xc3 26.♔e2 e5∞

**14...f6**

14...♗a6+

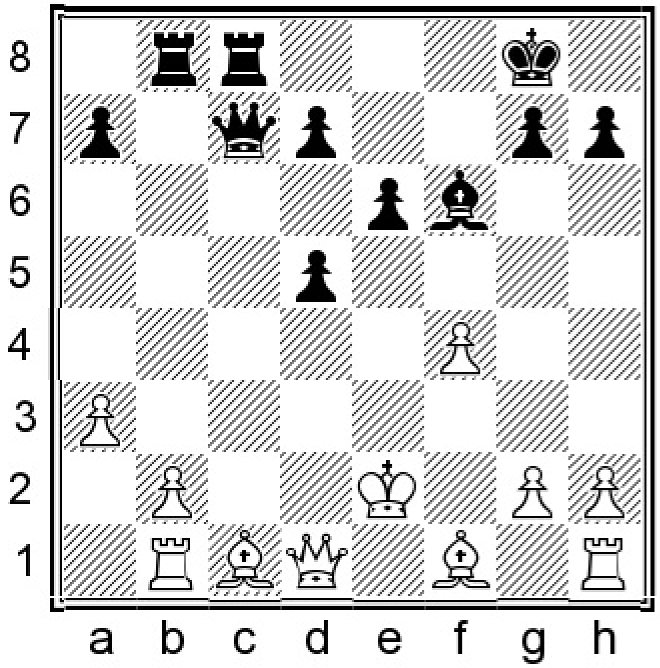


15.♔e1! (15.♔f3 ♗xf1 (15...f6 16.♗xa6 fxe5 17.♘c8! ♗d8 18.g3 d4 19.♗d3 ♖xc8 20.♖e1 d5 21.♔g2 e4 22.♗a6∞) 16.♖xf1 f6 17.♔g3 fxe5 18.fxe5 ♗xd6 19.exd6 ♕xd6+ 20.♔h3 ♖xf1 21.♕xf1 ♕e5=∞ 22.♕f4 ♖b3+ 23.g3 ♕e2 24.♕g4 ♕f1+ 25.♔h4 ♖d3 26.a4 ♕g2 27.h3 e5= 28.♕g5 ♕e4+ 29.♕g4 ♕g2=) 15...f6 (15...♗xf1 16.♖xf1 f6 17.♕e2! fxe5 18.fxe5 ♗xd6 19.exd6 ♕xd6 20.g3 ♕b6 21.b4 d4 22.♗b2 ♖xf1+ 23.♕xf1! Δ♕b7 24.♕e2 ♕h1+ 25.♔d2 ♕d5 26.♖c1 a5 27.♖c4 e5 28.♔c2 axb4 29.axb4 ♖f8 30.♔b1 d6 31.♗c1±) 16.♗xa6 ♕a5+ 17.b4 ♕xa6 18.♗e3 fxe5 19.fxe5 ♗xd6 20.exd6 ♕xd6 21.♖c1 a5 22.♗c5 ♕f4 23.♕d2 ♕h4+ 24.♔d1! ♖f5 25.♖c2 d4 26.♔c1±

**15.♘xc8 ♖fxc8N**

15...♕xc8 16.exf6 ♗xf6 17.♖b1 ♕c4+ 18.♔f2!± (18.♕d3? ♕a2∓) Δ18...♗d4+ 19.♔f3 ♖b3+ 20.♔g4 h5+ 21.♔xh5 ♖f6 22.g3! ♕c8 23.♔g4 ♕e8 24.♔h3+-; 15...♖bxc8

**16.exf6 ♗xf6 17.♖b1**



**17...g5!?N**

17...♕c4+ - 151/(55) 18.♔f2 ♗d4+ 19.♔f3 ♖b3+ 20.♔g4 ♕a4 21.♗d3 ♗f6 22.g3 e5 23.♗f5 ♖c5 24.♗d2± Can,I (2380)-Tilicheev,V (2503) europe-echecs.com (Int.-blitz) 151/(55) 2021; 17...♕c5 18.h4! ♗xb2 19.♗xb2 ♕c4+ 20.♔f2 ♕xf4+ 21.♕f3 ♖xb2+ 22.♖xb2 ♕d4+ 23.♔g3 ♕xb2 24.♗d3 ♕f6 25.♕xf6 gxf6 26.♔f2 ♖c3 27.♖h3 ♔h8 28.a4 ♖a3 29.♗b5 ♖xh3 30.gxh3 ♔g7 31.♗xd7 ♔f7 32.♗c8 ♔e7 33.♔f3 ♔d6 34.♔f4±

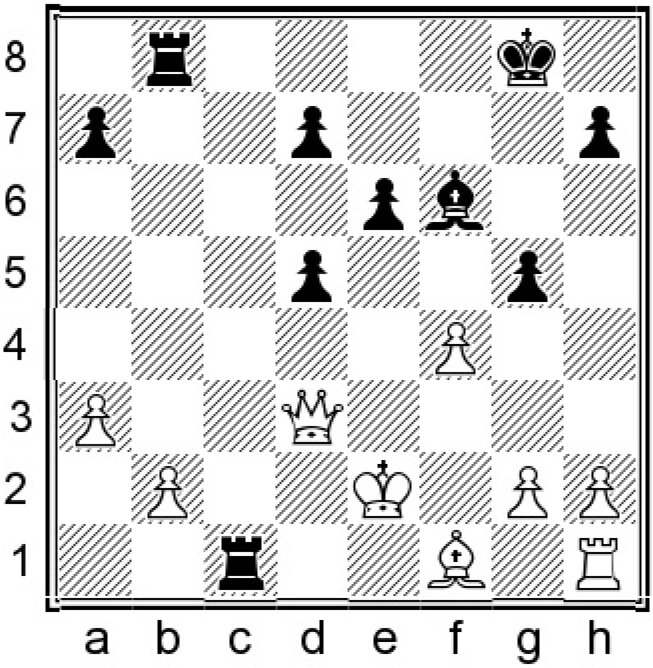
**18.♕d3?!**

18.♔f3! ♗xb2 19.♗d3 ♗xa3 20.♗d2!± Δe5 21.♔g3! gxf4+ 22.♔h3 d6 23.♗f5! ♖e8 (23...♖xb1 24.♕g4+ ♔h8 25.♖xb1 ♖g8 26.♕h5 ♗c5 27.g3+-) 24.♕h5 ♕f7 25.♕g4+ ♔h8 (25...♔f8 26.g3+-) 26.♗e6!+-

**18...♕xc1?**

18...gxf4 19.g3 ♔h8! 20.♗d2 ♕e5+ 21.♔d1 ♖xb2 22.♖xb2 ♕xb2 23.gxf4 ♗d8!? (23...♗d4 24.♗g2 ♗c3 25.♗f3 ♗xd2 26.♕xd2 ♕f6 27.♖e1 ♖c4 28.♖e3 ♕a1+ 29.♔e2 ♕g1 30.f5 ♕xh2+ 31.♔d1±) 24.♔e2 (24.♗g2 ♗a5↑ 25.♗f3 ♖c4 26.♗e3 ♕b5! 27.♗d4+ ♔g8 28.♔e2 ♖c2+ 29.♔e3 ♗d2+∓) 24...♖c2 25.♗g2 ♗a5 26.♖d1 ♖xd2+ 27.♖xd2 ♗xd2 28.♕xd2 ♕xa3=

**19.♖xc1 ♖xc1**



**20.♔f3!**

20.♕a6? g4! 21.b4 ♖bc8 22.♔f2 ♗h4+ 23.g3 ♖8c2+=; 20.fxg5!? ♖xb2+ 21.♔f3 ♖c3 (21...♗xg5 22.♔g4+-) 22.gxf6! ♖xd3+ 23.♗xd3 ♖b3 24.♔e3 e5 25.♔d2 e4 26.♗c2 ♖xa3 27.♖f1+-

**20...♗xb2**

20...♖xb2 21.♕e3 (21.fxg5 - 20.fg5) 21...♖c3 22.♗d3 gxf4 23.♔xf4 e5+ 24.♔f5 ♗g7 25.♖d1! Δe4 26.♕xa7 ♖xd3 27.♖xd3 exd3 28.♕a8+ ♔f7 29.♕xd5+ ♔e7 30.♕xd3 ♖f2+ 31.♔e4 ♖xg2 32.♕h3 Δ Qh7+-

**21.♔g4**

21.♕e3 ♖f8 22.g3 gxf4 23.gxf4 ♔h8 24.♕d2 ♖c3+ 25.♗d3+-

**21...gxf4 22.g3+- ♔h8 23.♕d2! fxg3 24.hxg3 ♖a1 25.♕c2 1-0**

**56. B47**
**Grandelius, Nils (2672) - Rapport, Richard (2763)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/56, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.g4 h6**

6...a6 - 148/(47)

**7.♗e3 ♘f6 8.f3 a6 9.♕d2 ♘e5 10.f4N**

10.h4; 10.O-O-O

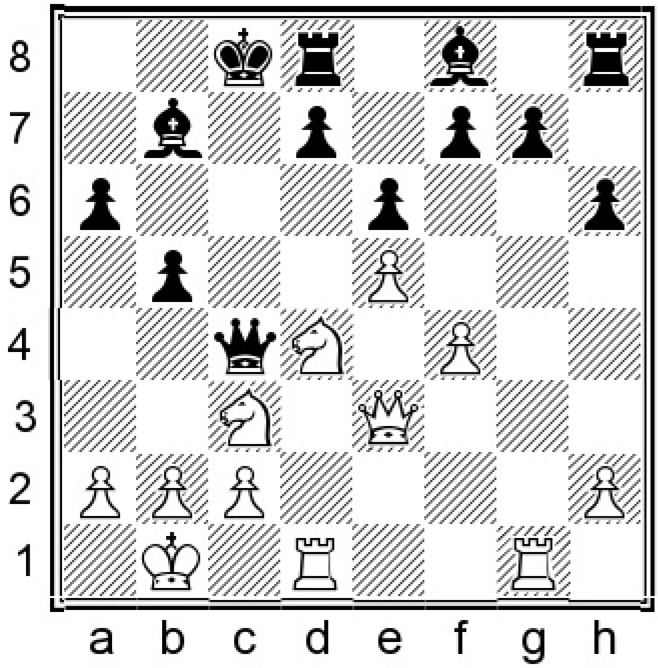
**10...♘c4**

10...♘exg4 11.e5 ♘xe3 12.♕xe3 ♘g4 13.♕g3 h5 14.h3 ♘h6 15.O-O-O↑

**11.♗xc4 ♕xc4 12.e5**

12.g5 hxg5 13.fxg5 ♘g4 14.O-O-O ♖h3 15.♗g1∞

**12...♘xg4 13.♖g1 ♘xe3 14.♕xe3 b5 15.O-O-O ♗b7 16.♔b1 O-O-O**



16...b4 17.♘e4 O-O-O 18.a3!? (18.♖xg7 ♗xe4 19.♕xe4 ♗xg7 20.♕a8+ ♔c7 21.♕a7+ ♔c8=; 18.b3 ♕c7 19.♘f3 ♔b8∞) 18...bxa3 19.♖d3 ♔b8 20.♖b3 ♔a8 21.♖xg7! ♗d5∞; 16...g5!?∞

**17.♘e4?!**

17.♘b3! ♔b8 18.♘a5 ♕c5 19.♕xc5 ♗xc5 20.♘xb7 ♔xb7 21.♖xg7 ♖hg8! 22.♖xf7 ♖gf8 23.♖xf8 ♖xf8 24.♘e4 ♔c6 25.♘xc5 ♔xc5 26.♖xd7 ♖xf4 27.b3±

**17...♔b8 18.♖d3 ♖c8 19.♖gd1?**

19.a3 ♕d5 (19...♕c7 20.♘d6 ♗xd6 21.exd6 ♕xd6 22.♖xg7=∞) 20.♘c3 ♕c5 21.♖gd1 ♗e7 (21...♕b6 22.♕e2=∞) 22.f5=∞

**19...♗e7 20.♖c3 ♕a4 21.♖cd3 ♗xe4! 22.b3**

22.♕xe4 ♖xc2∓

**22...♕a5 23.♕xe4 ♖c7?!**

23...f5! 24.♕g2 (24.exf6 ♗xf6∓) 24...g5∓

**24.f5?!**

24.c3! ♖xc3 (24...♖hc8 25.b4 ♕b6 26.♔b2 f5 27.♕g2 g5 28.♘b3=∞) 25.♘xe6! ♖xd3 26.♖xd3 dxe6 27.♖d7 ♕b6 28.♖xe7 ♖d8 29.♕h1=∞

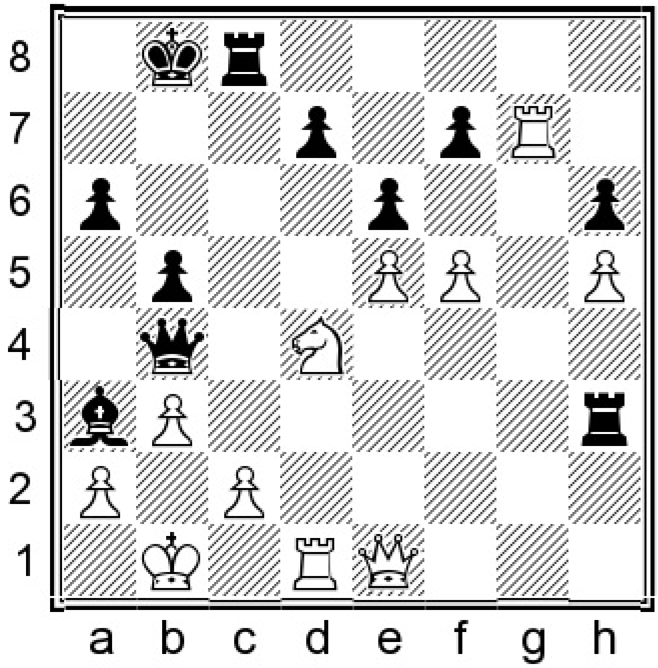
**24...♖hc8 25.♖g3 ♗a3 26.h4 ♕b4 27.h5 ♖c3?**

27...♖xc2! 28.♕xc2 ♖xc2 29.♘xc2 ♕f4 30.♖gd3 b4 31.♖xd7 ♕xe5-+

**28.♖xg7?**

28.fxe6! fxe6 (28...♖xg3? 29.exd7+-) 29.♖xg7 ♖3c5 30.♕e3 (30.♖xd7? ♖d5! 31.♖xd5 ♕c3-+) 30...♖d5∓

**28...♖h3-+ 29.♕e1**



**29...♖h1! 30.♖g1**

30.♕xh1 ♕c3

**30...♖xg1 31.♕xg1 ♕c3 0-1**

**57. B48**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2714) - Shankland, Samuel L (2708)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/57, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.g4 b5 8.♘xc6 ♕xc6 9.♕d2 b4 10.♘e2 ♕xe4 11.♖g1 ♕c4**

11...♕b7 - 148/(47)

**12.♘g3 ♕c7 13.O-O-O ♘e7 14.♘h5 ♘d5 15.♗d4 ♖g8 16.♕d3N**

16.♗d3 ♗b7 17.♗xh7 ♖h8 18.♗e4 O-O-O∞

**16...g6 17.♗g2 gxh5 18.♗xd5 ♗b7 19.♗xb7 ♕xb7 20.gxh5**

20.g5 ♕b5 21.♕e4 ♖c8∞

**20...♖xg1 21.♖xg1 ♕d5! 22.b3**

22.♗f6 ♕xh5 23.♖g8 ♕xh2 24.♕e4 d5 25.♕xb4 ♕g1+! 26.♖xg1 ♗xb4=; 22.♖g8 e5 23.♗e3 ♕xd3 24.cxd3 ♖c8+ 25.♔d2 ♔e7∞

**22...f5 23.♕e3 ♕e4 24.♕d2 ♖c8 25.♔b1 f4 26.♕d1 d6 27.f3 ♕d5 28.♕d3 ♖c7 29.♖e1 ♖e7?!**

29...a5 30.♖e4 e5 31.♕e2 ♗e7 32.♗b2 ♔f7∞

**30.♖e4 e5**

30...a5 31.♖xf4 ♗h6 32.♖e4 ♔d7 33.♕e2 ♖f7±

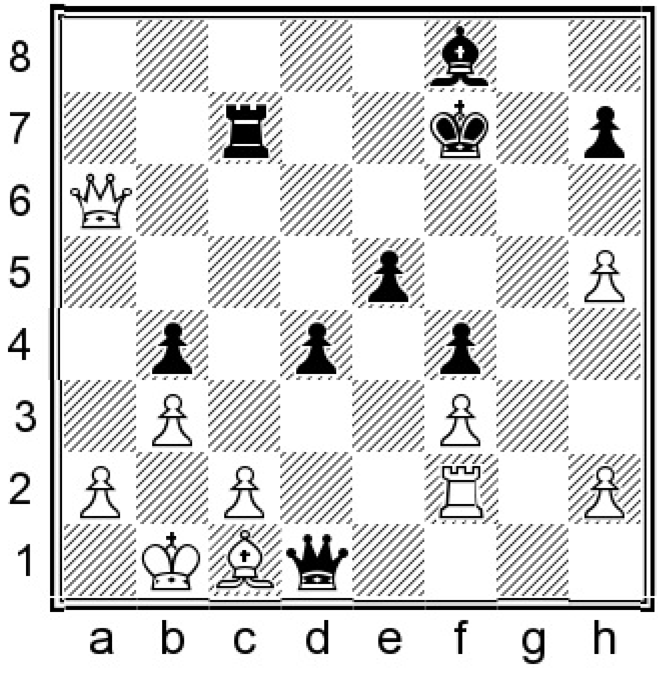
**31.♕xa6 ♔f7**

31...exd4?? 32.♕c8+ ♔f7 33.♖xf4++-

**32.♗b2 ♕d1+ 33.♗c1 d5 34.♖e2**

34.♖xb4?? ♖c7-+; 34.♕d6 ♖a7! 35.♕b8 dxe4 36.♕xa7+ ♗e7 37.fxe4 f3 38.♕f2 ♗g5 39.♕a7+ ♗e7 40.♕f2=

**34...♖c7 35.♖f2 d4?**



35...♕d4 36.♖f1 ♕c5 37.♕e2 ♗g7 38.♗b2±

**36.♕b6?**

36.♕b5! ♔e6 (36...♗g7 37.♕b6 ♖e7 (37...♖c3 38.♕b7+ ♔f6 39.♖g2+-) 38.♕xb4+-) 37.♕e8+ ♗e7 38.♕g8+ ♔d6 39.♕xh7 ♗h4 40.♕g6+ ♔c5 41.♖g2 ♕xf3 42.a3!+-

**36...♖c3 37.♕b7+ ♗e7 38.♕e4 ♔e6 39.♕xh7**

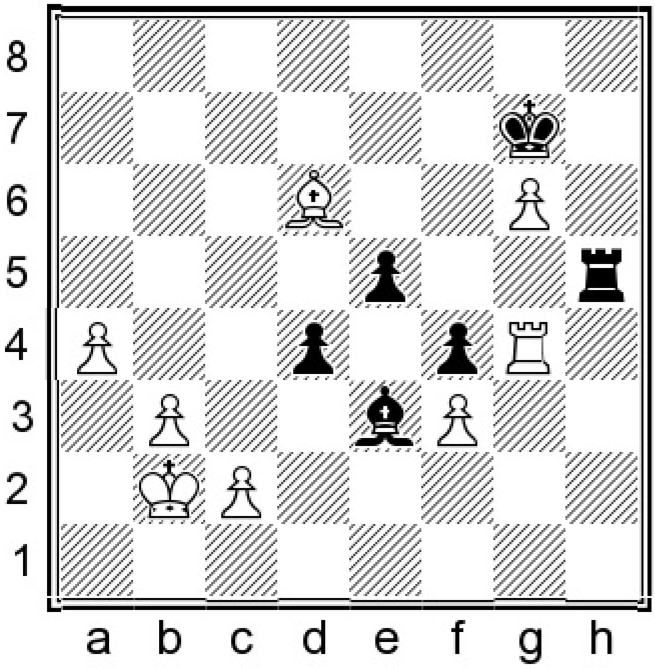
39.♖e2 ♖e3! 40.♕c6+ ♔f7 41.♕c4+=

**39...♕g1! 40.♕g6+ ♕xg6 41.hxg6 ♔f6 42.♗d2 ♖c8 43.♖g2 ♔g7!**

43...♖g8? 44.g7! ♖xg7 (44...e4 45.fxe4 ♔e5 46.♖g4 f3 47.♗e1+-) 45.♖xg7 ♔xg7 46.♔c1 ♔g6 47.♔d1 ♔f5 48.♔e2 e4 49.♗e1 ♔e5 50.h4+-

**44.♖e2**

44.♖g4 ♖h8 45.h4 ♗xh4 46.♗xb4 ♗f2 47.♔b2 ♗e3 48.♗d6 ♖h5 49.a4



49...e4! 50.fxe4 (50.♗xf4 exf3∞) 50...f3 51.♗g3 f2 52.♗xf2 ♗xf2 53.b4∞

**44...♗d6 45.h4 ♖h8!**

45...♔xg6? 46.♗xf4!±

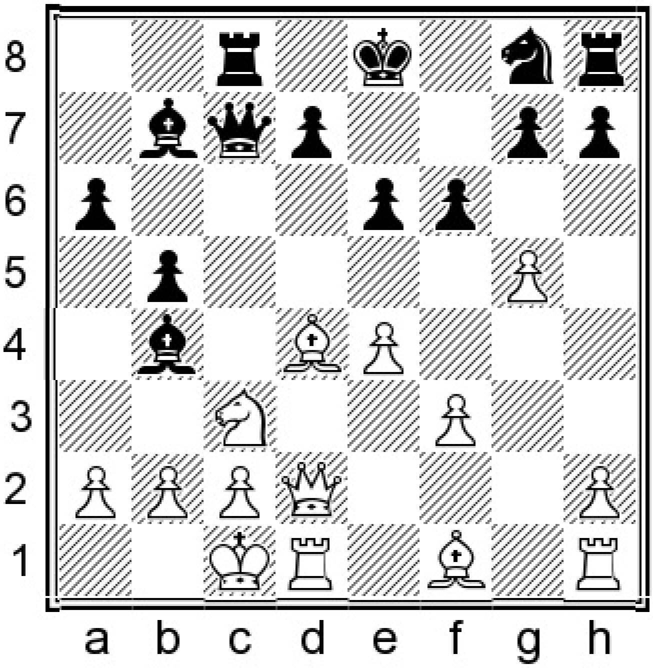
**46.♗e1 ♔xg6 47.♔c1 ♖a8 48.♔d2 ♖xa2 49.♔d3 ♔f5 50.h5 ♗f8 51.h6 ♗xh6 1/2-1/2**

**58. !N B48**
**Grandelius, Nils (2672) - Carlsen, Magnus (2865)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/58, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 e6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.g4 ♘xd4**

7...b5 - 148/47

**8.♕xd4 b5 9.O-O-O ♗b7 10.f3 ♖c8 11.♕d2 ♗b4 12.♗d4 f6 13.g5**



**13...h6!N**

13...♗d6?!

**14.gxh6 ♘xh6 15.a3**

15.♖g1 ♔f8∞

**15...♗xa3! 16.bxa3**

16.♗xb5 ♗xb2+ 17.♔xb2 axb5∞

**16...e5 17.♘xb5 axb5 18.♗b2 d5?**

18...♘f7! 19.h4 (19.♗xb5 ♗c6 20.♗xc6 ♕xc6∞) 19...d5 20.♗xb5+ (20.♗h3 ♖d8 21.♕g2 d4! 22.♕xg7 ♔e7∞) 20...♔f8 21.exd5 ♗xd5 22.♗a6 ♗xf3∞

**19.♗xb5+ ♔f8 20.♗a4?**

20.♕b4+! ♔g8 21.♕b3 ♘f7 22.exd5 ♘d6 23.♖d3!± (23.♗d3 ♖h4!⇄)

**20...d4 21.♗b3 ♘f7 22.♕b4+**

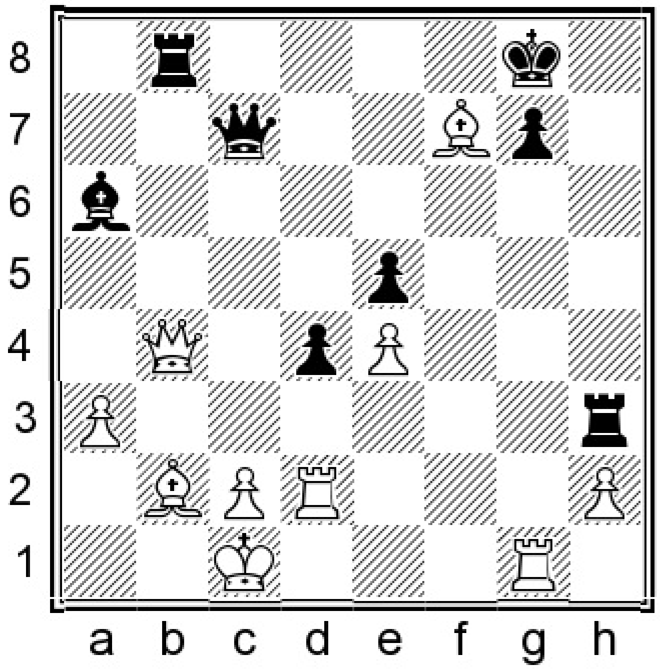
22.h4 ♗a6∞

**22...♔g8 23.♖d2 ♗a6 24.f4 ♖b8 25.♕a4 ♗b5 26.♕b4 ♗a6 27.♕a4 ♗b5 28.♕b4 ♖h3 29.fxe5 fxe5 30.♖g1?**

30.♖f2 ♖xb3 31.♕xb3 ♗c4 32.♕a4 (32.♕g3? ♕b6 33.♖g1 ♕xb2+ 34.♔d2 g5-+) 32...♘g5 33.♖g1! (33.♖g2? ♘h3∓) 33...♘h3 34.♖f6 ♘xg1 35.♖c6 ♕b7 36.♕xc4+ ♔h7 37.♕b3 ♕xb3 (37...♕xc6 38.♕xb8 ♕xe4 39.♔b1∞) 38.cxb3 ♖xb3 39.a4∞

**30...♗e2**

30...♗a6! 31.♗xf7+



31...♔h8!! (31...♔xf7 32.♖dg2! ♖h7 33.♕e1∞) 32.♖g3 (32.♕a4 ♕xf7 33.♕xa6 ♕a2 34.♕g6 ♕xb2+ 35.♔d1 ♕a1+ 36.♔e2 ♖xh2+ 37.♖g2 ♖h7-+) 32...♖h6! 33.♗d5 ♖xb4 34.axb4 ♗c4∓

**31.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 32.♕a4 ♕b7**

32...♖hb3 33.♖xe2 ♖xb2 34.♖g3! g6∓

**33.♕b4 ♕c7 34.♕a4 ♗b5 35.♖dg2!**

35.♕b4? ♖f3! 36.♖dg2 ♖f1+ 37.♖xf1+ ♗xf1 38.♖f2+ ♔g8 39.♕d2 ♗c4-+

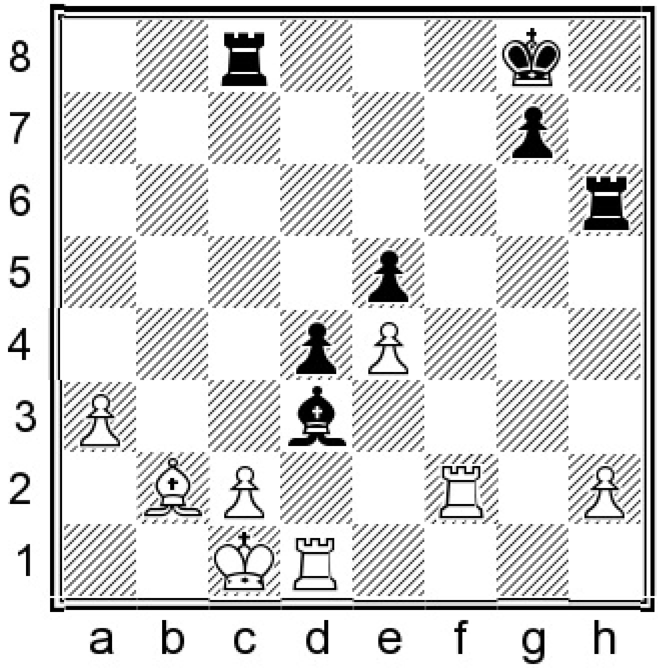
**35...♖h7**

35...♗xa4 36.♖xg7+ ♔f8 37.♖xc7 ♖xh2=

**36.♕b3+ ♗c4 37.♕g3 ♕b6 38.♕g6+ ♕xg6 39.♖xg6 ♖c8 40.♖6g5?!**

40.♔b1=

**40...♗d3 41.♖f5+ ♔g8 42.♖f2 ♖h6 43.♖d1?!**



43.♖d2 ♗xe4 44.♖e1 ♖h4 45.♖f2∓

**43...♗xe4?!**

43...♖f6! 44.♖xf6 (44.♖fd2 ♗xe4 45.♖e1 ♗g6-+; 44.♖dd2 ♗xe4-+) 44...♖xc2+ 45.♔b1 ♖d2+ 46.♔c1 ♖xd1+ 47.♔xd1 gxf6 48.a4 ♗xe4 49.♗a3 ♔f7∓

**44.♖e1 ♖h4 45.a4!= ♖c5 46.♗a3 ♖c8 47.♗e7 ♖g4 48.h3 ♖g2 49.♖xg2 ♗xg2 50.♖xe5 d3 51.♗c5 ♖a8 52.cxd3 ♖xa4 53.♔d2 ♗xh3 54.♖e4 1/2-1/2**

**59. B48**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2773) - Carlsen, Magnus (2865)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m2/3-rapid) 151/59, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.g4 ♘xd4 8.♕xd4 b5 9.O-O-O ♗b7 10.♔b1**

10.f3 - 151/58

**10...♘f6 11.f3 ♖c8**

11...h6!

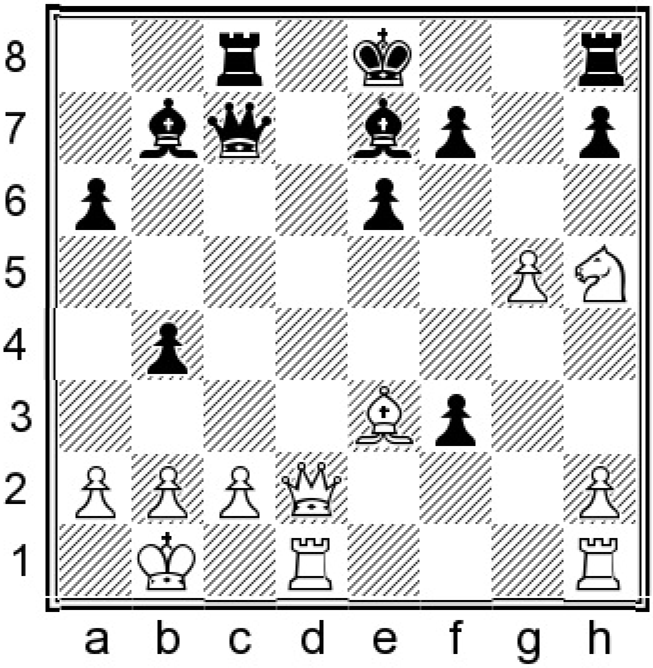
**12.g5 ♘h5 13.♕d2 ♗e7?**

13...♗b4 14.♗h3 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 O-O 16.♗g4 g6 17.♕xd7 ♕xc3 18.♕d2 ♕c7±

**14.♗h3 b4 15.♘e2 d5 16.♗g4 g6 17.♗xh5N**

17.♗d4

**17...gxh5 18.♘f4 dxe4 19.♘xh5 exf3**



**20.♗f4?**

20.♘f6+! ♗xf6 21.gxf6 b3 (21...♗e4 22.♔a1! ♗d5 23.♕xb4 a5 24.♕a3+-) 22.axb3 ♗e4 23.♔a2! (23.♔a1? O-O!∞) 23...O-O 24.♖hg1+ ♗g6 (24...♔h8 25.♗h6 ♖fd8 26.♗g7+ ♔g8 27.♗f8+ ♔h8 28.♖g8+ ♔xg8 29.♕h6 ♕a5+ 30.♗a3+-) 25.♗c5! ♔h8 26.♗xf8 ♖xf8 27.♖g3+-

**20...♕d8**

20...♕c6! 21.♖he1 (21.♘f6+ ♗xf6 22.gxf6 a5 23.♖he1 ♖g8∞) 21...O-O 22.♘f6+ ♗xf6 23.gxf6 ♔h8 24.♗h6 (24.♖g1 ♕d5 25.♕xb4 f2! 26.♖gf1 ♕f3∞) 24...♖g8 25.♗g7+ ♖xg7 26.fxg7+ ♔g8∞

**21.♕e3 ♗d5 22.♘f6+?**

22.b3 ♖g8 23.h4 ♕a5 24.♗e5 ♕c5 25.♕d3 ♖g6 26.♖he1±

**22...♗xf6 23.gxf6 ♖g8∓ 24.♖he1?**

24.♖d2 ♕a5 25.b3 ♕c5 26.♕d3 ♖g6∓

**24...♖g2 25.♕a7 ♕d7 26.♕d4**

26.♕xa6 ♖cxc2 27.♗e5 ♕c6-+

**26...♖cxc2 27.♗c1 ♖xc1+! 28.♔xc1**

28.♖xc1 ♗xa2+-+

**28...♕c6+ 29.♔b1 ♕a4 30.♖d2 ♗xa2+ 0-1**

**60. B48**
**Demchenko, Anton (2651) - Movsesian, Sergei (2627)**
**Riga 151/60, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.♕f3 ♘f6 8.O-O-O h5 9.♘xc6 dxc6 10.e5!?**

10.♘a4 - 137/61

**10...♕xe5**

10...♘d5 11.♗f4 ♘xf4 12.♕xf4 f5 13.h4 g6 14.♕g3 ♔f7 15.♔b1±; 10...♘g4 11.♗f4 ♘xe5 12.♕g3 f6 13.♗d3 ♘xd3+ 14.♖xd3 ♕f7 15.♗c7 ♗e7 16.♘a4±

**11.♗c4N**

11.♗f4

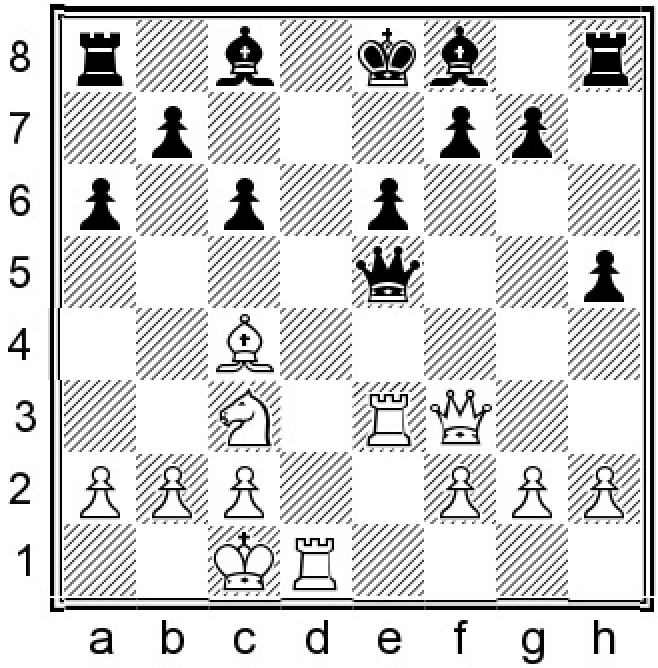
**11...♘d5**

11...♕f5! 12.♕g3 (12.♕xf5 exf5 13.♖he1 ♗e6 14.♗g5 ♗c5 15.♗xe6 (15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.♗xe6 fxe6 17.♖xe6+ ♔f7 18.♖e2 ♖ad8∞) 15...fxe6 16.♖xe6+ ♔f7 17.♖e5 ♗xf2 18.♖xf5 ♔g6 19.♖xf2 ♔xg5=) 12...♘d5 13.♘xd5 (13.♗xd5 cxd5 14.♕c7 ♗e7 15.♖he1 ♗d8 16.♕d6 ♗e7=) 13...cxd5 14.♕c7 (14.♗d3 ♕g4 15.♕e5 ♗d7∞) 14...♕f6 15.♗xa6!? ♖xa6 16.♕xc8+ ♕d8 17.♕xb7 ♖xa2 18.♕b5+ ♕d7 19.♕b8+ ♕d8 20.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 21.c4 ♗d6 22.cxd5 ♔e7=

**12.♖he1 ♘xe3**

12...♘xc3? 13.♖d8+! ♔e7 14.bxc3+-

**13.♖xe3**



**13...♕f6?**

13...♕c7! 14.♘e4 ♗e7 (14...b5? 15.♘g5! bxc4 16.♘xf7 ♖g8 (16...♕xf7 17.♕xc6+ ♗d7 18.♕xa8+ ♔e7 19.♕a7 ♕e8 20.♖e4+-) 17.♘g5 g6 18.♘xe6 ♗xe6 19.♖xe6+ ♗e7 20.♖de1 ♖g7 21.♖f6+-) 15.h4!

b5 16.♗e2 c5 17.♘g5 ♗xg5 18.hxg5 ♗b7 19.♕f5 (19.♕h3↑) 19...O-O 20.♕h3∞

**14.♕g3 h4 15.♕c7 ♕e7 16.♕b6 g6 17.♕d4 ♖h7?**

17...♖h5 18.♖ed3 ♖d5 19.♗xd5 exd5±

**18.♖ed3?**

18.f4! ♗g7 19.♕b6 e5 (19...♗xc3 20.♖xc3 ♖h5 21.♖cd3 ♔f8 22.♖d8+ ♔g7 23.g4 hxg3 24.hxg3+-) 20.♖ed3! ♗f5 (20...♗g4 21.♗xa6!+-) 21.♘e4 ♗xe4 22.♖d7+-

**18...e5 19.♕b6 ♗f5 20.♗xa6! ♗xd3 21.♗xb7 ♗h6+ 22.♔b1 ♖d8 23.♗xc6+**

23.♖xd3! ♖xd3 24.cxd3 ♔f8 25.a4±

**23...♔f8 24.cxd3?!**

24.♖xd3 ♖xd3 25.cxd3±

**24...♔g7 25.♕b7 ♕c5**

25...♕xb7 26.♗xb7 f5 27.a4 ♔f6 28.♗c6 ♗f8∞

**26.♘e4 ♕d4 27.♕e7 ♔h8**

⌓27...♖b8 28.b3 ♔h8 29.♕f6+ ♔g8 30.♕xh4 ♖b6∞

**28.♘g5??**

28.♕f6+ ♔g8 29.a4 ♖b8 30.♗b5∞

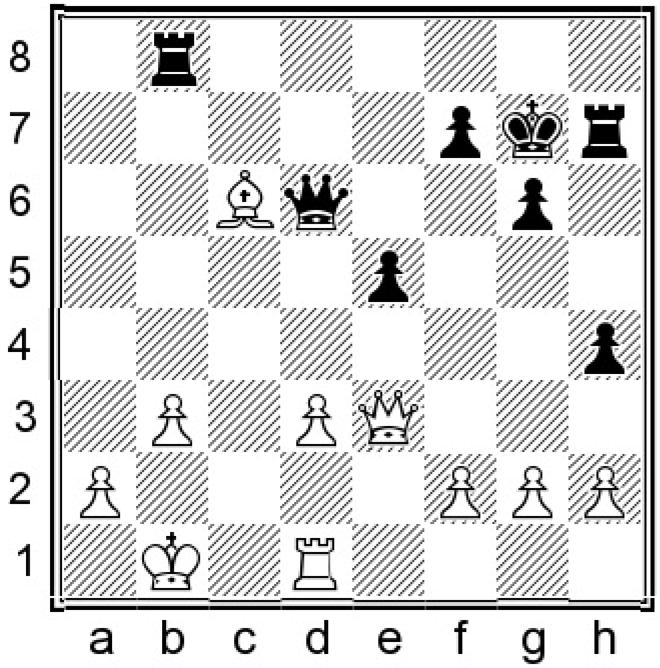
**28...♖b8?**

28...♕d6 29.♕xd6 ♖xd6 30.♘xh7 ♖xc6-+

**29.b3 ♗xg5 30.♕xg5 ♔g7?!**

30...♕d6 31.♕e3 ♔g8 32.♗f3 ♖d8 33.♖d2 ♔g7∓

**31.♕e3 ♕d6**



**32.d4! ♖h5?!**

32...♖b6 33.♗f3 exd4 34.♕xd4+ (34.♖xd4 ♕xh2 35.♖f4 ♖f6 36.♖xf6 ♔xf6 37.g3 hxg3 38.♕d4+=) 34...♕xd4 35.♖xd4 h3 36.g4 (36.g3?! ♖f6 37.♖d3 g5∓) 36...♖h8∞

**33.♗f3 ♖f5 34.dxe5 ♕e7**

⌓34...♕xe5 35.♕xe5+ ♖xe5 36.h3! f5 37.♖d4±

**35.e6!**

35.♖d5±

**35...♕xe6 36.♕xe6 fxe6 37.h3 ♔f6 38.♔b2 ♖f4 39.♖d2 ♖b6 40.♖e2 ♖d4 41.♗e4 e5 42.♔c3 g5 43.f3 ♖b8 44.♗d3 ♖bd8 45.♗c4 ♖d1 46.a4 ♖a1 47.♗d3 ♖d1 48.♗c2 ♖c8+ 49.♔b2 ♖d4 50.♗e4 ♖b8 51.♔a3 ♔e6 52.♖c2 ♖d1 53.♖a2 ♖d4 54.♖b2 ♖d1 55.b4 ♖bd8 56.a5 ♖8d4 57.♖a2 ♖d7 58.a6 ♔d6 59.♔a4 ♖a7 60.♔a5 1-0**

# B50-B74

**61. B51**
**Kosteniuk, Alexandra (2516) - Keymer, Vincent (2664)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/61, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O e6 6.♖e1 a6 7.c4 ♗e7 8.♘c3 O-O 9.d4 cxd4 10.♘xd4 ♘e5 11.♕e2 ♕c7 12.♗b3 ♖e8**

12...♗d7 - 147/46

**13.♔h1N**

13.f4

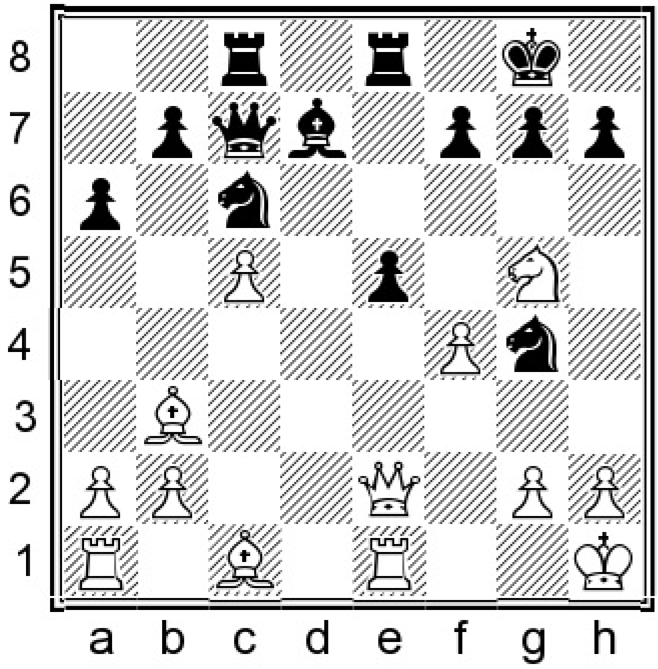
**13...♗d7 14.f4 ♘c6 15.♘f3 ♖ac8**

⌓15...♘a5

**16.e5 ♘g4 17.♘g5**

17.h3 ♘h6 18.♗c2 ♘b4 19.♗e4 ♗c6 (19...♕xc4 20.♕xc4 ♖xc4 21.exd6 ♗xd6 22.♖d1 ♘d5 23.♘xd5 exd5 24.♗xd5 ♖c7 25.g4±) 20.a3 ♗xe4 21.♘xe4 ♘c6 22.g4±

**17...♗xg5 18.exd6 ♕xd6 19.♘e4 ♕c7 20.♘xg5 e5 21.c5**



**21...♘h6**

21...♖e7! 22.♘xf7 ♖xf7 23.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 24.h3 ♘d4 25.♕d2 ♘h6 26.♖xe5 ♘hf5∓

**22.♕h5 ♗g4 23.♕h4 ♘d4 24.♘xf7**

24.♗a4 ♗d7 25.fxe5 ♗xa4 26.♕xd4 ♕d7 27.♕xd7 ♗xd7=

**24...♘xf7 25.♕xg4 ♘xb3 26.axb3 ♕xc5 27.f5 ♕b6 28.b4 ♕f6 29.♕e4 ♘d6 30.♕d5+ ♔h8 31.♗d2 ♖cd8**

31...♕xf5 32.♗c3 ♕e6 33.♖xe5 ♕xd5 34.♖xd5 ♘b5=

**32.♗c3 ♘xf5!? 33.♕xb7 ♖e6 34.♖f1**

34.b5 axb5 35.♖a8 h6 36.♖xd8+ (36.♗xe5 ♖xa8 37.♕xa8+ ♔h7 38.♕e4 ♕g6=) 36...♕xd8 37.♕xb5 ♘h4∞

**34...♕g6!?**

34...♘g3+ 35.hxg3 ♕h6+ 36.♔g1 ♕e3+ 37.♖f2 ♖f8 38.♗e1 (38.♖f1 ♖xf2 39.♖xf2 ♕c1+ 40.♖f1 ♕e3+=) 38...♖ef6 39.b5 ♖xf2 40.♗xf2 ♕xf2+ 41.♔h2 axb5 42.♕xb5=

**35.♖fd1?!**

35.♖ae1 ♘d4 36.h3 h5∞

**35...♖de8 36.♖d7 h6**

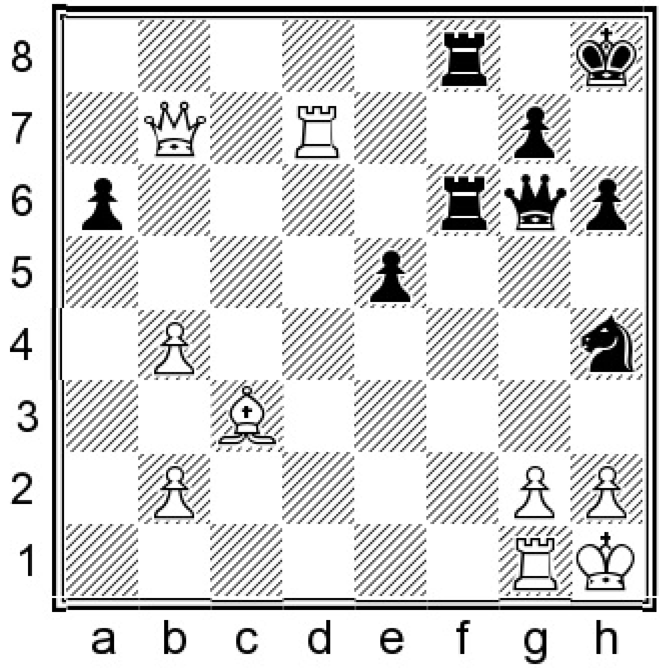
36...♘g3+! 37.♔g1 ♘e2+ 38.♔h1 ♘xc3 39.bxc3 e4 40.h3 e3↑

**37.♔g1 ♖f6 38.♖e1?**

38.♕e4 ♘d4 39.♕xg6 ♖xg6 40.♖a7 (40.♗xd4 exd4 41.♖xd4 ♖e2 42.g3 ♖xb2=) 40...♖ee6=

**38...♘h4 39.♔h1 ♖ef8 40.♖dd1**

40.♖g1



40...♕b1!! 41.h3 (41.♕a7 ♖f1-+) 41...♖f1 42.♖xf1 ♖xf1+ 43.♔h2 ♘f5-+; 40.h3 ♕g3 41.♖g1 ♘f3-+

**40...♖f2?**

40...♖6f7! 41.♕d5 ♖d7-+

**41.♖g1 ♕h5 42.♕e4?**

42.♕e7□ ♘g6 (42...♘f3 43.♕xf8+ ♔h7 44.♗xe5 ♕xe5 45.♕xf3 ♖xf3 46.gxf3 ♕e2=; 42...♘f5 43.♕xf8+ ♔h7 44.♖d3 ♘g3+ 45.♖xg3 ♖xf8 46.h3=) 43.♕d6 ♖8f4 44.♖d3 ♖g4→

**42...♘f3 43.h3 ♕xh3+! 44.gxh3 ♖h2# 0-1**

**62. * B51**
**Druska, Juraj (2493) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2639)**
**Reykjavik 151/62, 2021**

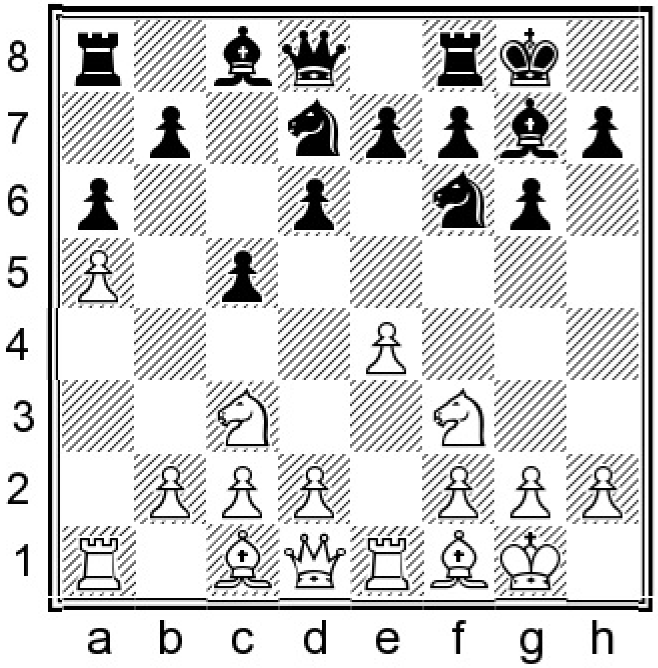
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.a4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.a5 ♗g7 7.O-O**

7.a6 - 135/61

**7...O-O 8.♖e1**

8.d3 a6 9.♗c4 b5 10.axb6 ♘xb6 11.♗b3 ♗b7 12.♖e1 e6 13.e5 (13.♗g5 h6 14.♗h4 g5!? 15.♘xg5!? hxg5 16.♗xg5 ♖e8 17.♖e3 ♔f8 18.h4=∞) 13...dxe5 14.♘xe5 ♘fd5⇄; 8.d4 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♘c5 10.f3 ♗d7 11.♗e3 ♖c8 12.♕d2 ♗xb5 13.♘dxb5 a6 14.♘d4 ♕c7 Δ Ncd7⇄; 8.h3 ♕c7 9.d3 a6 10.♗c4 (10.♗xd7 ♗xd7 11.♗g5 ♗c6 12.♕d2 ♖fe8 13.♖fe1 e6∞) 10...b5 11.axb6 ♘xb6 12.♗a2 ♗b7 13.♗f4 ♘h5 14.♗e3 h6 15.♕d2 ♔h7 16.♖fe1 e6∞

**8...a6 9.♗f1**



9.♗c4 ♘g4!? 10.d4 cxd4 11.♘xd4 ♘de5 12.♗b3 (12.♗f1 ♘c6 13.♘xc6 bxc6 14.h3 ♘e5 15.♗e3 c5 16.♘d5 ♖b8 17.♘b6 ♘d7 18.♘xc8 (18.♘c4 ♘e5 19.♘b6 ♘d7) 18...♕xc8 19.b3!? ♖b4!? (19...♗xa1 20.♕xa1 f6 21.♗h6=∞) 20.♖a2 ♗c3 21.♖e2 ♕b7 22.♕d3 ♗g7 23.♖e1 ♖a8 24.♗d2 c4⇄) 12...♘c6 13.♘xc6 bxc6 14.♗g5 (14.♕e2 ♖b8 15.h3 ♘e5 16.♗d2 c5 17.♘d5 e6 18.♘b6 ♘d7 19.♘xc8 ♕xc8 20.♖a2 ♘e5⇄) 14...h6 15.♗h4 g5 16.♗g3 ♘e5 17.h4 gxh4 18.♗xh4 ♔h7 19.♗g3 ♘g6 20.♖a4 ♖b8 21.♕e2 c5∞

**9...♘g4!?**

9...e5 10.d3 h6 (10...♘b8 11.♗g5 h6 12.♗xf6 ♗xf6 13.♘d5 ♘c6 14.♘d2 ♗g7 15.♘c4 ♗e6 16.g3 f5 17.♗h3±) 11.♘d2 ♘b8 12.♘d5 b5 (12...♘c6 13.♘b6 ♖b8 14.♘xc8 ♕xc8 15.♘c4 d5 16.exd5 ♘xd5 17.g3±) 13.axb6 ♘xd5 14.exd5 ♘d7 15.♘b3 ♕xb6 (15...♘xb6 16.c4±) 16.♘a5±; 9...b5 10.axb6 ♘xb6 (10...♕xb6 11.d3 ♗b7 12.♘d2 ♘e5 13.♘a4 ♕a7 14.♘b3 ♘c6 15.♗e3 ♖ad8 16.c3±) 11.d3 ♗b7 12.♗g5 h6 13.♗d2 e5 (13...e6 14.g3 ♘fd7 15.♗g2 ♖b8 16.♕c1 ♔h7 17.♘b1!? d5 18.♗c3 ♕c7 19.♗xg7 ♔xg7 20.b3±) 14.♕c1 ♔h7 15.♘d1!? ♕e7 16.c4 ♘h5 17.♘c3±

**10.d4N**

10.d3 - 151/(62) 10...♘de5 11.h3 ♘xf3+ 12.♕xf3 ♘e5 13.♕e2 ♘c6 14.♗g5 (14.♘d5 ♘xa5 15.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 16.♖xa5 b5 17.c3 ♕c7 18.♖a1 a5⇄) 14...h6 15.♗h4 ♘xa5 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♖xa5 Yuan,Q (2373) -Kozionov,K (2470) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 151/(62) 2021 (17.♖xa5 ♗e6 18.♕d2 ♕c7 19.♖ea1 (19.♖aa1 b5∓) 19...♖ae8 Δ f5∓)10.h3 ♘ge5 11.♘xe5 ♘xe5 12.♘d5 ♘c6 13.♘b6 ♖b8 14.♘c4 (14.♘xc8 ♖xc8 15.c3 ♘xa5 16.d3 ♘c6 17.♗e3 e6∓) 14...f5!? (14...♗e6 15.d3 ♗xc4 16.dxc4 ♘xa5 17.e5 ♕b6 18.exd6 exd6 19.♗f4 ♘c6 20.♖b1 ♖fd8 21.♗g5 ♖d7 22.c3=∞) 15.exf5 (15.d3 f4 16.c3 e5∓) 15...♗xf5 16.d3 d5 17.♘b6 ♕d6 18.g3 e5⇄

**10...cxd4 11.♘xd4 ♘ge5 12.♗e3**

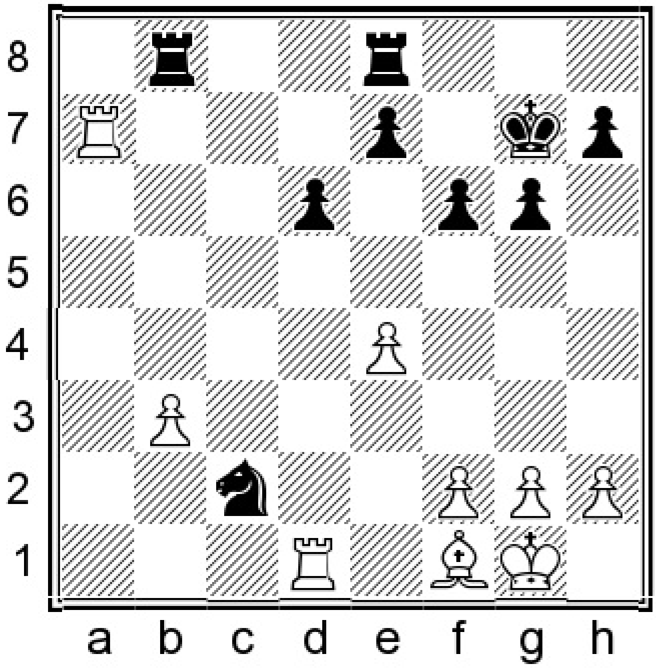
12.♗g5!? ♘c6 13.♘b3 h6 (13...b5 14.axb6 ♘xb6 15.♘d5±) 14.♗e3 Δ♔h7 (14...♘f6 15.♘d5 ♗e6 16.c3±) 15.♕d2 ♖b8 16.♘a4! g5 17.f3±

**12...♘c6**

12...♘f6 13.h3 ♘c6 14.♘b3 ♗e6 15.♘d5±

**13.♘d5!?**

13.♘b3 b5 14.axb6 ♘xb6 15.♕d2 ♘d7 16.♗h6 ♗xh6 17.♕xh6 ♖b8 18.♕d2 ♘c5 19.♘xc5 dxc5 20.♕c1 a5 21.♘a4 ♘d4 22.♖a3 ♕d6 23.♖c3 ♗a6⇄; 13.♘xc6!? bxc6 14.♕d2 ♖b8 15.b3 ♖e8 (15...♕c7 16.♗h6 ♗xh6 17.♕xh6 ♘c5 18.h4 e5 19.h5 ♖b4 20.f3±) 16.♗d4 ♘e5 17.♘a4 c5 18.♗b2 (Δ f4) 18...♘c6 19.♗xg7 ♔xg7 20.♕c3+ f6 (20...♔g8 21.e5!? ♗f5 22.exd6 exd6 23.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 24.♗xa6 ♘b4 25.♗c4 ♘xc2 26.♖d1 ♘d4 27.♘b6±) 21.♘b6 (21.♖ed1!? ♕xa5 22.♕xa5 ♘xa5 23.♘xc5 ♘c6 24.♘xa6 ♗xa6 25.♖xa6 ♘b4 26.♖a7 ♘xc2 27.♖d2! ♘b4 28.♖xd6±) 21...♗e6 22.♘d5 (22.♗xa6 ♘xa5) 22...♕c8 Δ Qb7, Bf7∞



**13...♘xa5!?**

13...e6 14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.♘b6 ♘xb6 16.♗xb6 ♕e7 17.♖b1±

**14.♘xe7+**

14.♗d2 ♗xd4 15.♗xa5 b6 16.♕xd4 bxa5 17.♕d2 ♗b7 18.♖xa5 (18.♕xa5 e6 19.♘c3 ♕b8 20.♖ed1 ♖c8⇄) 18...e6 19.♘e3 ♗xe4 20.♖ea1 ♘e5 21.f4 (21.♖xa6 ♕g5⇄) 21...♘c6 22.♖xa6 ♖c8 23.b4 d5∞

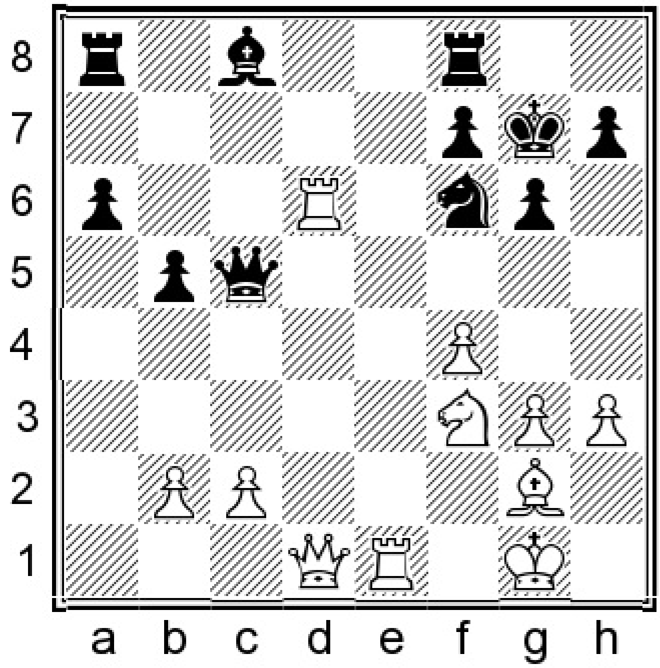
**14...♕xe7 15.♖xa5 ♕xe4!?**

15...♘c5 16.f3 ♕c7 17.♖a3 ♗d7 18.♕d2±; 15...♘f6 16.f3 d5!? (16...b6 17.♖a4 ♗b7 18.c4±) 17.exd5 ♕d8 18.♘b3 b6 19.♖a4 ♘xd5 20.♗d4 ♖a7 21.♗xg7 ♔xg7 22.♖d4 ♖d7 23.♕d2 (23.h4 ♘c7=)

23...♘c7 24.♖xd7 ♕xd7 25.♕c3+ ♔g8=

**16.♗d3**

16.g3!? ♕e8 (16...♘b6 17.c3±) 17.♗h6 ♕d8 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♖d5 ♘e5 (19...♘f6? 20.♖xd6 ♕xd6 21.♘f5+ ♗xf5 22.♕xd6 ♗xc2 23.♗g2+-) 20.f4 (20.♖xd6? ♕xd6 21.♘f5+ ♗xf5 22.♕xd6 ♘f3+) 20...♘g4 21.h3 ♘f6 22.♖xd6 ♕c7 23.♘f3 b5 (23...♕c5+ 24.♔h2 ♗e6 25.♖e5! (25.♗g2? ♗d5∓) 25...♕f2+ 26.♗g2 ♘h5 27.♖g5 ♖ae8 28.c3 ♔g8 29.♖d2 ♕b6 30.♖e5 ♘g7 31.♕e1±) 24.♗g2 ♕c5+



25.♘d4! (25.♔h2 ♗b7 26.♘e5 ♗xg2 27.♔xg2 ♕c7! 28.c4 ♖fd8 29.c5 ♖xd6 30.cxd6 ♕c5 31.♕b3 ♕xd6 32.♕xf7+ ♔h8∞) 25...♖e8 26.♖xe8 ♘xe8 27.♖d8 ♗g4 28.♖d5! ♕xd5 29.♗xd5 ♗xd1 30.♗xa8 ♘d6 31.♔f2±

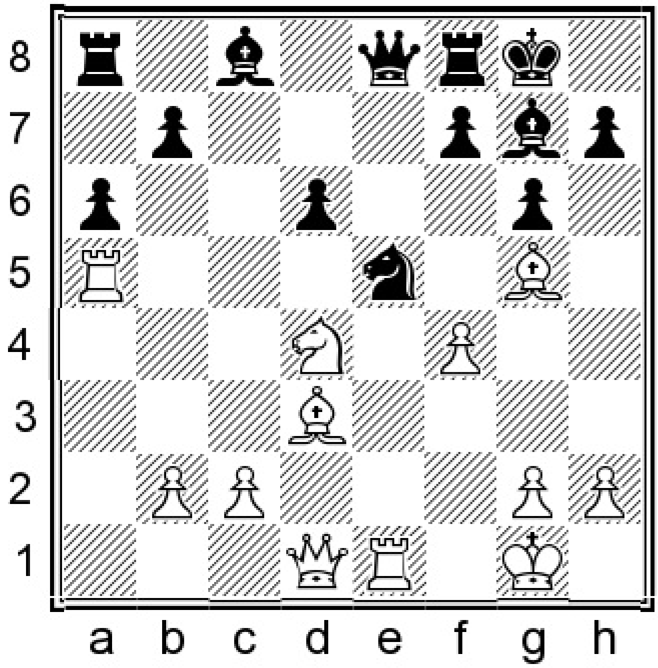
**16...♕e8**

16...♕h4 17.c3 ♘e5 18.♗e2 ♗g4⇄

**17.♗g5**

17.♗h6 ♕d8 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♕d2 (19.♖d5 ♘f6) 19...♘f6 20.♗f1 d5 21.♖a3 ♘e4 22.♕f4 ♖e8 23.c4 ♕b6 24.♖f3 f5 25.♖d1 ♕d6 26.♕xd6 ♘xd6 27.c5 ♘e4 28.♖c1 ♘d2 29.♖d3 ♘c4∞

**17...♘e5 18.f4**



18.♗f1 h6 19.♗h4 ♕d7 20.c3 ♕c7 21.♖a1 ♗d7 22.♕d2 ♖fe8∓; 18.c3 ♕d7 19.♗f1 b6 20.♖a1 ♗b7 21.f4 ♘c6 22.♘xc6 ♕xc6 23.♗e7 ♕c5+ 24.♔h1 ♖fe8 25.♕d2 (25.♕xd6 ♕f2∓) 25...♗f8∓

**18...♘xd3!∓ 19.♖xe8 ♗xd4+ 20.♔f1 ♖xe8 21.♕xd3 ♗xb2 22.f5?!**

22.♕xd6 ♗e6 23.♔g1 ♗c3 24.♖a4 ♗f5 25.♖c4 ♗g7 26.h3 a5 27.g4 ♗e6∓; 22.h3 ♗e6 23.♕xd6 ♗g7 (23...♗c3 24.♖a3 ♖ac8 25.♖xc3 ♖xc3 26.♕d4 ♖c7 27.♗h6 f5 28.♔g1 ♖f7∓) 24.♔g1 h6 25.♗h4 ♖ec8 26.♖c5 a5 27.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 28.♕d3 a4 29.g4 (29.♗e7 ♖c4∓) 29...♖c5 (29...♖a8 30.♗e7) 30.♗e7 ♖d5 31.♕e2 ♗d4+ 32.♔g2 b5 33.♕e1 ♗b2 34.♕e3∓

**22...♗xf5 23.♖xf5 gxf5∓ 24.c3 ♖e6 25.h4 ♖ae8 26.h5**

26.♗d2 ♗a3 27.♕xf5 ♗c5 28.c4 h6 29.g3 a5-+

**26...♖e1+ 27.♔f2 ♖1e4 28.♗d2 ♗a3 29.♕g3+ ♖g4 30.♕f3**

30.♕d3 ♗c5+ 31.♔f3 ♖ge4 32.♕d5 ♖e2 33.h6 ♔f8 34.♗f4 ♖8e6 35.♔g3 ♖g6+ 36.♔h3 ♖exg2-+

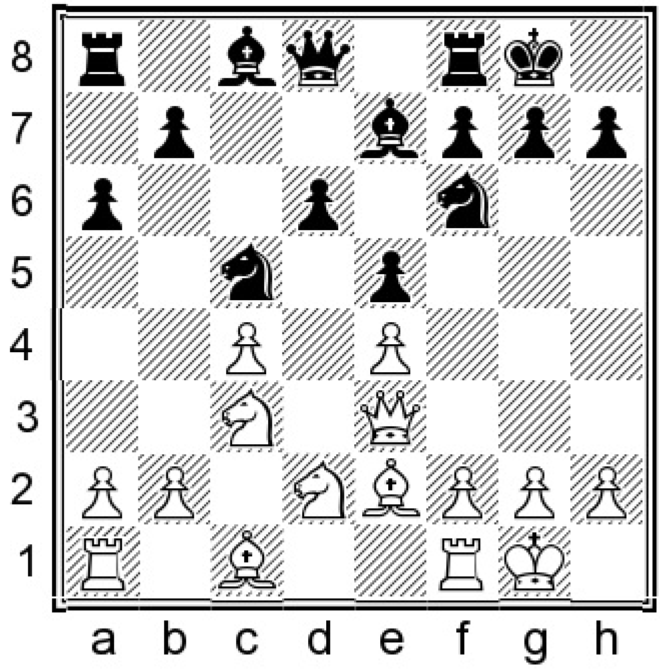
**30...♗c5+ 31.♔f1 ♖a4-+ 32.♕d1 ♖h4 0-1**

**63. * B51**
**Adams, Michael (2700) - Vitiugov, Nikita (2731)**
**England - Rest of the World (m) 151/63, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♕xd4 a6 6.♗e2 ♘gf6 7.O-O e5 8.♕e3 ♘c5 9.♘fd2**

9.♘c3

**9...♗e7 10.c4 O-O 11.♘c3**



**11...b5!?N**

11...♗d7; 11...♘g4; 11...♘e6 - 145/(50)

**12.cxb5 axb5 13.♗xb5 ♗b7 14.♗c4 ♘e6N**

14...♕c8 - 151/(63) 15.b3 ♗d8 16.♗b2 ♗b6 17.♕e2 ♘e6 18.♘b5 ♘f4 19.♕f3 ♕d7= Caruana,F (2791)-Korobov,A (2684) Riga (blitz) 151/(63) 2021

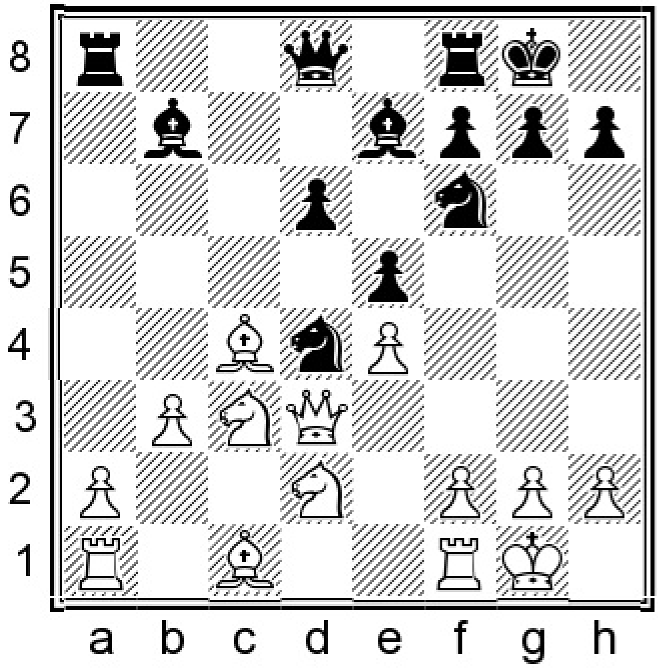
**15.b3?**

15.♖d1! ♘d4 16.♕d3 d5 (16...♘xe4 17.♘dxe4 d5 18.♘xd5 ♗xd5 19.♗e3±) 17.♘xd5 ♘xd5 18.exd5 ♗xd5 19.♗xd5 ♕xd5 20.♘b3 ♖a4 21.♗e3 ♖d8 22.♗xd4 exd4 23.♘c1±

**15...♘d4?**

15...d5! 16.exd5 ♘xd5 17.♗xd5 ♗xd5 18.♘xd5 ♕xd5 19.♕e4 ♕xe4□ 20.♘xe4 f5 21.♘d2 e4 22.♗b2 ♖fd8 23.♘c4 ♗c5⯹

**16.♕d3±**



**16...♘e6?!**

16...♘xe4!? 17.♘dxe4 d5 18.♘xd5 ♗xd5 19.♗b2 ♗xc4 20.♕xc4 ♕b6 21.♖fd1±

**17.♖d1 ♕c8 18.♗b2**

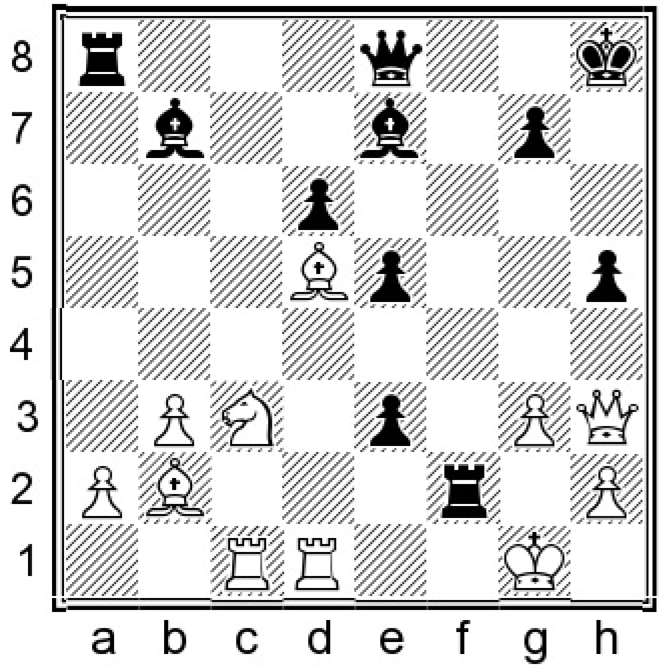
18.a4!? ♘f4 (18...♖d8 19.♗a3 ♘f4 20.♕f3+-) 19.♕f3 ♔h8 20.♗a3+-

**18...♘f4 19.♕f3 ♔h8!? 20.♖ac1?**

20.♘f1?? ♘xe4! 21.♘xe4 f5 22.♘xd6 ♗xd6 23.♕c3 ♕c6 24.f3 ♖ae8→; 20.♘e2!? ♘g6 (20...♘xe4 21.♘xe4 f5 22.♘xd6 ♗xd6 (22...♗xf3 23.♘xc8 ♘xe2+ 24.♗xe2 ♗xe2 25.♘xe7 ♗xd1 26.♖xd1 e4 27.a4+-) 23.♕c3 ♘xe2+ (23...♘xg2? 24.♖xd6+-) 24.♗xe2 ♕e6 25.♗c4 ♕e7 26.a4+-) 21.♘g3 ♘xe4 22.♘dxe4 f5 23.♘xd6 ♗xd6 24.♗d5 ♗xd5 (24...e4 25.♕c3+-) 25.♕xd5 ♗e7 26.a4+-

**20...♕b8± 21.g3 ♘h3+ 22.♔f1**

22.♔g2?! ♘xe4! 23.♘dxe4 f5 24.♔xh3 fxe4 25.♕g4 ♕e8!? 26.♔g2□ h5 27.♕h3□ e3+ 28.♗d5 ♖xf2+ 29.♔g1



29...♗c8! 30.g4□ ♗xg4 31.♕xe3 ♖xb2 32.♗xa8 ♕xa8 33.♖d2 ♖xd2 34.♕xd2 ♗d8→

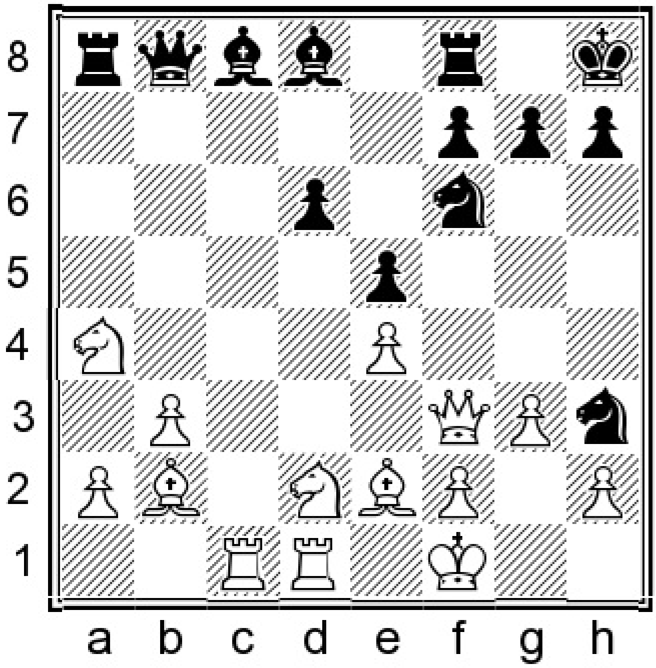
**22...♗d8! 23.♘a4??**

23.♔g2 ♘g5 24.♕e2 ♘fxe4 25.♘dxe4 f5 26.♘d5 ♘xe4 27.f3 ♘f6 28.♗c3 ♖a3∞

**23...♗c8∓**

23...h5! 24.♕g2 (24.♔e2 ♗c8!-+; 24.♕e2 ♘g4 25.f3 ♕a7! 26.♔g2 ♘e3+ 27.♔h1 (27.♔xh3 ♗c8+ 28.g4 hxg4+ 29.♔g3 ♗g5-+) 27...♘xd1 28.♖xd1 ♘f2+ 29.♔g2 ♘xd1-+) 24...♘g5 25.♘c3 ♗c8! 26.♔g1 ♗b6!-+

**24.♗e2**



**24...♗g4?**

24...♗e6! 25.♗a3 (25.♔g2 ♘g4 (25...♖xa4 26.bxa4 ♕xb2-+) 26.♖f1 ♗g5 27.♖c2 f5-+) 25...♘g4 26.♔g2 ♘gxf2 27.♕c3 (27.♖f1 ♗g4-+) 27...♘xd1 28.♖xd1 ♕a7-+

**25.♕e3∞ ♖xa4!?**

25...♘xf2 26.♕xf2 ♗h3+ 27.♔e1 (27.♔g1?? ♖xa4! 28.♔h1 ♖xa2 29.♗c3 ♗b6 30.♕f3 ♘g4-+) 27...♖xa4! 28.bxa4 ♕xb2=∞

**26.bxa4 ♕xb2 27.♘c4 ♕b4 28.♕b3 ♕c5**

⌓28...♗xe2+ 29.♔xe2 ♕c5 30.♕e3□ ♕c8 31.♘xd6 ♕a6+ 32.♕d3 ♕a7 33.♕e3 ♗b6 34.♕b3 ♗d4∞

**29.♕e3 ♕b4 30.♕b3 ♕c5 31.♕e3 1/2-1/2**

**64. B52**
**Kryvoruchko, Yuriy (2685) - Shevchenko, Kirill (2655)**
**Ukraine (ch) 151/64, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♗d7 4.c4 ♘c6 5.d4 cxd4 6.♘xd4 ♘f6 7.♘c3 g6 8.♗e3**

8.f3 - 133/71

**8...♘g4 9.♘xc6 bxc6N**

9...♘xe3 10.♘xd8 ♘xd1 11.♘xf7 (11.♗xd7+ ♔xd8 12.♖xd1 ♔xd7 13.c5 ♗g7 14.cxd6 ♗xc3+ 15.bxc3 exd6 16.e5 ♔e6 17.♖xd6+ ♔xe5=) 11...♘xc3 12.♗xd7+ ♔xf7 13.bxc3 ♗g7 14.♔d2 e6=

**10.♗xc6 ♘xe3 11.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 12.fxe3 ♗g7 13.♖c1 O-O 14.b3 e6 15.O-O ♕c6 16.♕d3 ♕c5 17.♘a4 ♕b4 18.♖fd1 ♖fd8 19.♕d2 ♕b7 20.c5**

20.♘c3 a6 21.♕d3 ♕b6⩱

**20...♕xe4**

20...♗e5!? 21.c6 ♕c7 22.g3 d5 23.exd5 (23.♕c2 d4⩱) 23...♖xd5 24.♕g2 ♖ad8⩱

**21.cxd6 ♗h6 22.♖c3 ♖ac8 23.♕d3 ♕e5 24.♖xc8**

24.e4?! ♖xc3 25.♘xc3 ♗f4∓

**24...♖xc8 25.e4 ♖d8 26.d7 ♗f8 27.g3**

27.♕d4

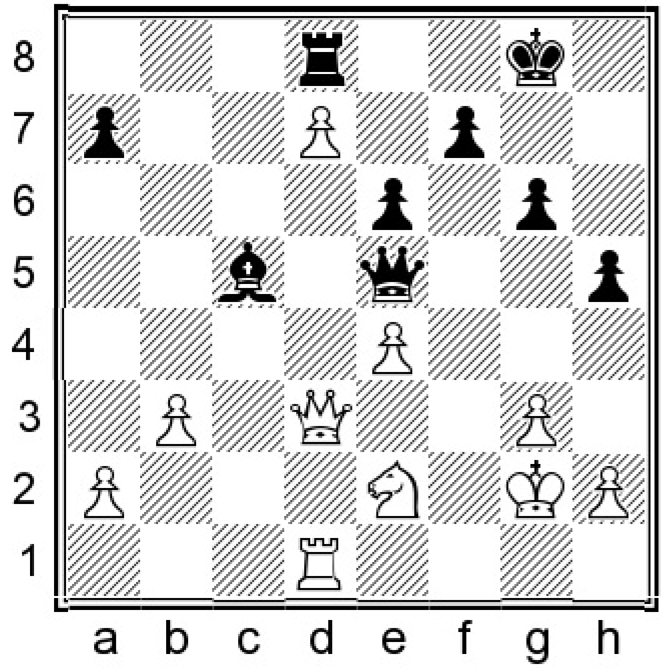
**27...h5 28.♘c3**

28.♔g2 ♗a3 29.♕c4 h4∞

**28...♗b4 29.♘e2?**

29.♘a4! h4 30.♔g2 ♕h5 31.♕f3 ♕e5 32.♕d3=

**29...♗c5+ 30.♔g2**

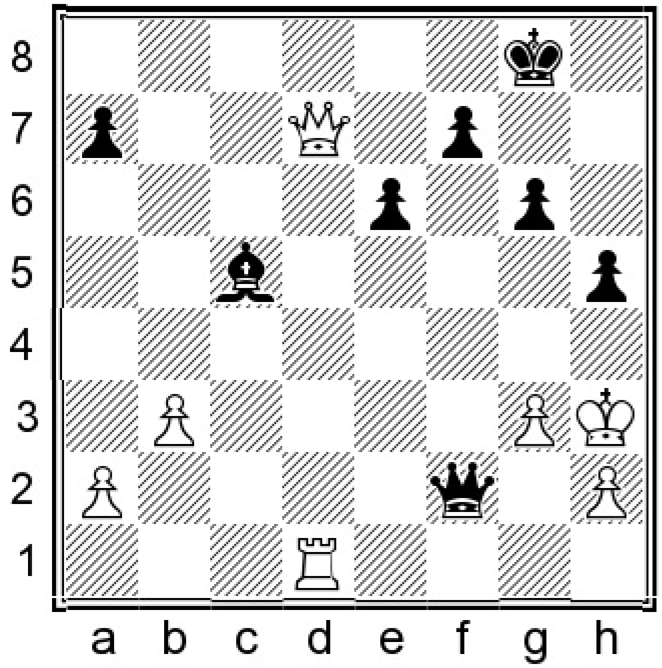


**30...♖xd7!! 31.♕xd7 ♕xe4+ 32.♔h3**

32.♔f1 ♕h1+-+

**32...♕g4+ 33.♔g2 ♕xe2+ 34.♔h3 ♕g4+ 35.♔g2 h4?**

35...♕e4+! 36.♔h3 ♕f5+ 37.♔g2 ♕f2+ 38.♔h3



38...♗e3!! 39.♕b5 g5 40.♖d8+ ♔g7 41.♕e5+ f6 42.♕c7+ ♔g6 43.♖g8+ ♔f5 44.♕h7+ ♔e5 45.♕c7+ ♔e4 46.♕c6+ ♔f5 47.♕b5+ ♗c5 48.♕d3+ ♔e5-+ 49.g4 hxg4+ 50.♔xg4 ♕h4+ 51.♔f3 g4+! 52.♔e2 ♕xh2+ 53.♔d1 ♕g1+ 54.♔c2 f5

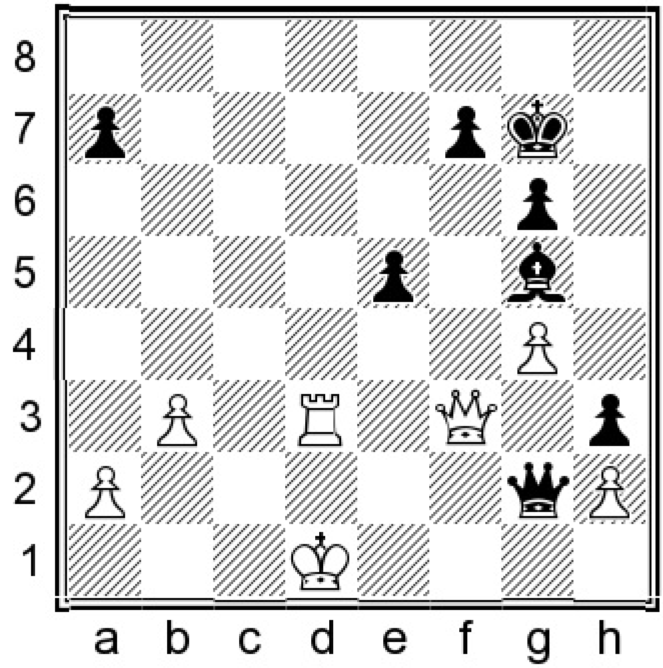
**36.♕d8+ ♔g7 37.♕d3! h3+ 38.♔f1 ♗e3! 39.♔e1 ♕f3 40.♕f1 ♕e4 41.♖d3?**

41.♕d3! ♕e5 (41...♕f3 42.♕f1=) 42.a4! ♗g1+ (42...♗d4+ 43.♔d2 ♕d5 44.♔c2 e5∞) 43.♔f1 ♗xh2 44.♕d4 ♗xg3 45.♕xe5+ ♗xe5 46.♖d3 h2 47.♔g2 g5∞

**41...♗g5+ 42.♔d1**

42.♔f2 ♗e7!-+

**42...♕g2 43.♕f3 e5! 44.g4**



**44...♕xa2?**

44...♕g1+! 45.♔e2 ♗h4 46.♖d2 (46.♕f1 ♕xh2+ 47.♔d1 ♕g2-+) 46...♕xh2+ 47.♔d3 ♕g3 48.♕xg3 ♗xg3-+

**45.♖d7!⇄ ♗f4 46.♕xh3 ♕a1+ 47.♔e2 e4 48.♖d8 ♕a6+ 49.♔d1 ♕a1+ 50.♔e2 ♕b2+ 51.♔f1 ♕c1+ 52.♔e2 ♕c2+ 53.♔f1 ♕b1+ 54.♔e2 ♕a2+ 55.♔f1 ♕a6+ 56.♔g2 ♕e2+ 57.♔h1 ♕e1+ 58.♔g2 ♕e2+ 59.♔h1 ♕e1+ 1/2-1/2**

**65. B52**
**Dubov, Daniil (2720) - Grandelius, Nils (2672)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/65, 2022**

**1.♘f3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.♗b5+ ♗d7 4.♗xd7+ ♘xd7 5.c3**

5.O-O - 150/50

**5...♘gf6 6.♕e2 e6 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d5 9.e5 ♗b4+ 10.♗d2**

10.♘bd2 ♘e4 11.O-O ♘xd2 12.♗xd2 ♗xd2 13.♕xd2 O-O=

**10...♗xd2+ 11.♘bxd2 ♘g8 12.O-O-ON**

12.O-O ♘e7=

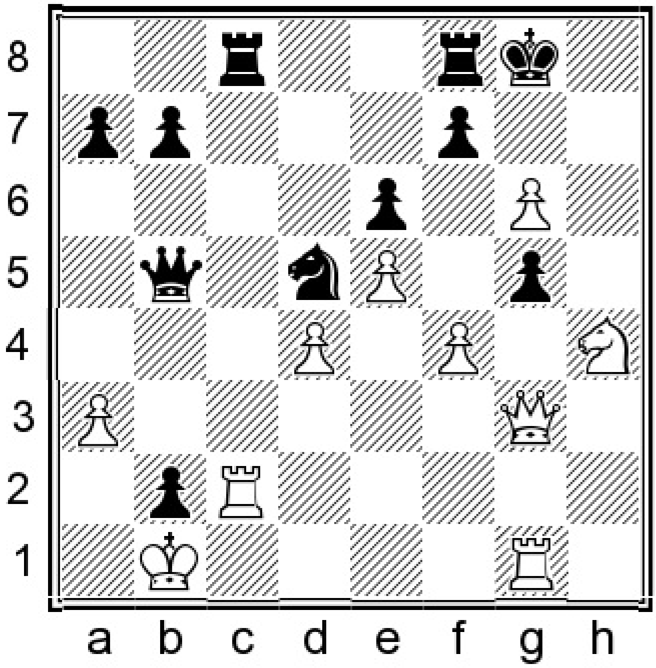
**12...♘e7 13.♔b1 ♘c6 14.h4 ♕b6 15.♕e3 ♖c8 16.h5 h6 17.g4 ♕b5 18.♖c1 O-O 19.a3?!**

19.g5 ♘b4 20.♘b3 ♕d3+ 21.♕xd3 ♘xd3 22.♖cg1 ♔h7 23.♖h2∞

**19...♘e7! 20.♘h4 ♘b6 21.♔a2?**

21.f4 ♘c4 (21...♖xc1+ 22.♖xc1 ♘c4 23.♘xc4 dxc4 24.g5∞) 22.♘xc4 dxc4 23.g5 ♘d5 24.♕g3 c3

25.♖c2 hxg5 26.♖g1!∞ g6 27.hxg6 cxb2



28.♘f5!! exf5 29.♕h3 fxg6 30.♖h1 ♔f7 31.♕h7+ ♔e6 32.♕xg6+ ♘f6 33.♖xc8 ♖xc8 34.♕xf6+ ♔d5 35.♕xf5 ♖c1+ 36.♖xc1 bxc1=♕+ 37.♔xc1 ♕f1+=

**21...♘c4 22.♕b3 ♕a6 23.♘hf3 ♖c6 24.♕d3**

24.♕b4 ♖e8 25.♘b3 ♖b6 26.♕c3 ♖c8∓

**24...♕b5 25.♕b3 ♕a6 26.♕d3 ♖fc8 27.♖c3 ♘xd2**

27...b5-+

**28.♕xd2 ♖xc3 29.bxc3 ♕c4+ 30.♔b2 ♕b5+ 31.♔a2 ♕c4+ 32.♔b2 ♖c6 33.♕c2 ♖b6+ 34.♔c1 ♖a6 35.♔b2 ♖b6+**

35...♘c6 36.g5 ♖b6+ 37.♔c1 ♕a6 38.a4 (38.♔d2 ♘a5 39.♔e1 ♘c4-+) 38...♘b4!-+

**36.♔c1 ♕b3?**

36...♘c6 37.♔d1 ♘a5 38.♘d2 ♕c6 39.♔e2 ♘c4 40.♘xc4 dxc4 41.f3 ♖b3-+

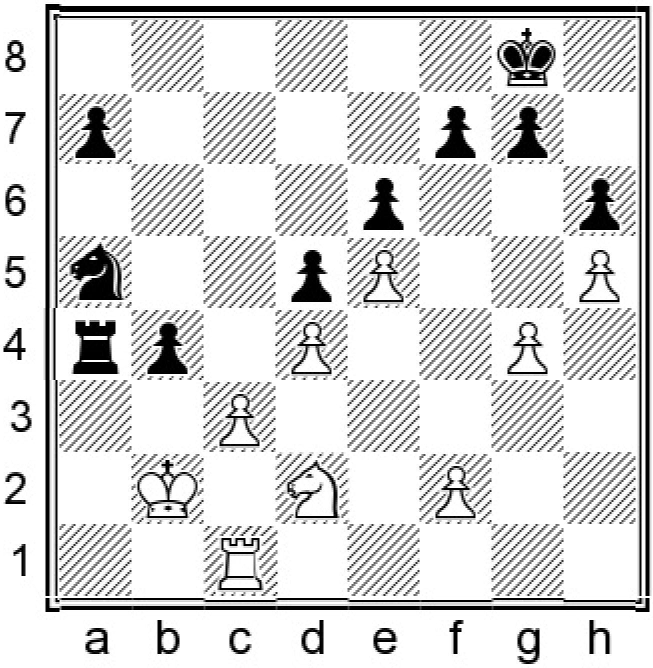
**37.♕xb3 ♖xb3 38.♔c2 ♖xa3 39.♔b2 ♖a4 40.♘d2 ♘c6 41.♘b3 b5**

41...♘a5 42.♘xa5 ♖xa5 43.f4 ♖a6∓

**42.♖c1 ♘a5 43.♘d2?!**

43.♘xa5! ♖xa5 44.f4 ♖a4 45.♖b1 ♔f8 (45...a5 46.♔c2 ♖a2+ 47.♔d3 ♖g2 48.♖xb5 ♖xg4 49.f5 a4 50.fxe6 fxe6 51.♖a5 ♖h4 52.♖a8+ ♔h7 53.♖xa4 ♖xh5 54.♖a6=) 46.f5 ♔e7 47.♔c2 a6 48.♔b2=

**43...b4!**



**44.cxb4?**

44.c4! b3 (44...dxc4 45.♘xc4 ♘xc4+ 46.♖xc4 a5 47.♖c8+ ♔h7 48.♖c7=) 45.cxd5 ♖xd4 46.♘xb3 ♖xd5 47.♘xa5 ♖xa5 48.♖c8+ ♔h7 49.♖c7 ♖a4 50.♖xf7 ♖xg4 51.♔c3 ♖g5 52.f4 ♖xh5 53.♔d4∓

**44...♖xb4+-+ 45.♔c3 ♘c6 46.♔d3 ♘xd4 47.♖c8+ ♔h7 48.♖c7 a5! 49.♖xf7 ♘c6 50.f4 a4 51.♖c7 ♖b6 52.♖c8 a3 53.♖a8 ♘b4+?**

53...a2! 54.♔c3 (54.♖xa2 ♘b4+-+) 54...♖b4 55.f5 (55.♖xa2 ♖xf4 56.♖a6 ♘xe5 57.♖xe6 ♘xg4-+) 55...♖xg4 56.fxe6 ♖g5 57.♖xa2 ♖xe5-+

**54.♔c3 ♘a6 55.♘b3 a2 56.♘a1 ♖b1?!**

56...♖c6+ 57.♔d2 ♘b4 58.f5 ♖a6 59.♖d8! (59.♖xa6 ♘xa6 60.fxe6 ♔g8-+) 59...exf5 60.gxf5 ♘c6 61.e6! ♖a7∓

**57.♘c2?**

57.♖xa6! ♖xa1 58.♔b2 ♖f1 59.♔xa2 ♖xf4 60.♖xe6 ♖xg4 61.♔b3 ♖h4 62.♔c3 ♖xh5 63.♔d4 ♖h1 64.♔xd5∓

**57...a1=♕+**

57...♘b4! 58.♘d4 (58.♘xb4 a1=♕+ 59.♖xa1 ♖xa1 60.f5 ♖c1+ 61.♘c2 ♔g8-+) 58...a1=♕+ 59.♖xa1 ♖xa1 60.♔xb4 ♖c1 61.♘xe6 ♖c4+ 62.♔b5 ♔g8-+

**58.♘xa1 ♖xa1 59.f5 exf5 60.gxf5 ♖c1+ 61.♔d2 ♖f1 62.f6**

62.♖xa6 ♖xf5-+

**62...♘c5!**

62...gxf6? 63.♖a7+ ♔g8 64.♖xa6 fxe5 65.♖xh6 ♖h1 66.♖d6 d4 67.h6=; 62...♘c7? 63.♖a7 ♘e6 64.♖e7 ♘g5 65.♖xg7+ ♔h8 66.♖g6 ♖f5 67.♖xh6+ ♔g8 68.♖g6+ ♔f8 69.h6 ♖xe5 70.♔c3 ♖f5 71.♔b4! ♘h7 (71...♔f7 72.h7! ♘xh7 73.♖g7+ ♔xf6 74.♖xh7=) 72.♔c5 ♘xf6 73.♔d6=

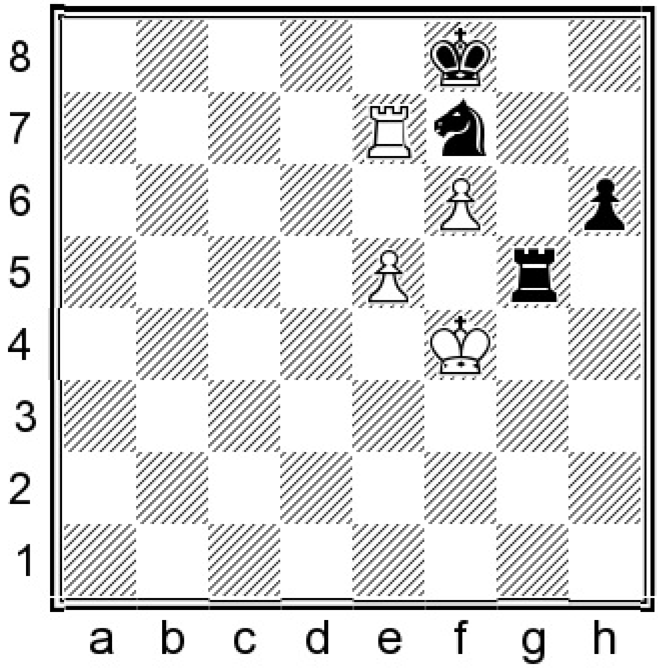
**63.♖a7 ♔g8 64.♖xg7+ ♔f8 65.♖c7 ♘e6 66.♖b7 ♘g5 67.♔e3**

67.♖b8+ ♔f7 68.♖b7+ ♔e6 69.♖e7+ ♔f5-+

**67...♖f5?**

67...♖e1+! 68.♔f4 (68.♔d4 ♘f3+ 69.♔xd5 ♖xe5+ 70.♔d6 ♖xh5-+) 68...♘e6+ 69.♔f5 ♘d4+ 70.♔g6 ♘c6! 71.♔xh6 (71.e6 ♖xe6 72.♖h7 ♘e7+! 73.♖xe7 ♖xe7 74.fxe7+ ♔xe7 75.♔xh6 d4 76.♔g7 d3 77.h6 d2 78.h7 d1=♕ 79.h8=♕ ♕g4+ 80.♔h7 ♔f7-+; 71.♖f7+ ♔e8-+) 71...♘xe5-+

**68.♖b8+ ♔f7 69.♖b7+ ♔f8 70.♖b8+ ♔f7 71.♖b7+ ♔e8 72.♖e7+ ♔f8 73.♔d4 ♘f7 74.♔xd5 ♖xh5 75.♔e4 ♖g5 76.♔f4?**



76.e6 ♘d6+ 77.♔d3=

**76...♘h8!!-+ 77.♔e4 ♘g6 78.♖h7 ♖xe5+ 79.♔d4 h5 80.♖g7 ♖g5 81.♖h7 ♘e5 82.♖g7 ♘f7 0-1**

**66. B60**
**Oparin, Grigoriy (2681) - Rapport, Richard (2763)**
**Berlin 151/66, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 ♕b6 8.♘b3 a6 9.♗e2 ♗e7**

9...♕c7 - 28/380

**10.g4 ♕c7 11.O-O-ON**

11.♗e3

**11...b5 12.a3 ♖b8 13.♖he1?!**

13.♗xf6!? gxf6 (13...♗xf6?! 14.♕xd6 ♗e5 15.♕xc7 ♗xc7 16.h4 ♔e7 17.♖hf1 ♘e5 18.f4 ♘g6 19.e5 ♗b6 20.♔b1 ♘xh4 21.f5±) 14.f4 ♕b6⇄

**13...O-O 14.f4?**

14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♕xd6 ♕b7∓

**14...b4?!**

14...♖d8!∓

**15.axb4?**

15.♗xf6! ♗xf6 16.♕xd6 ♕b7 (16...♕xd6 17.♖xd6 bxc3 18.♖xc6 cxb2+ 19.♔b1 g5!∞) 17.♘c5∞

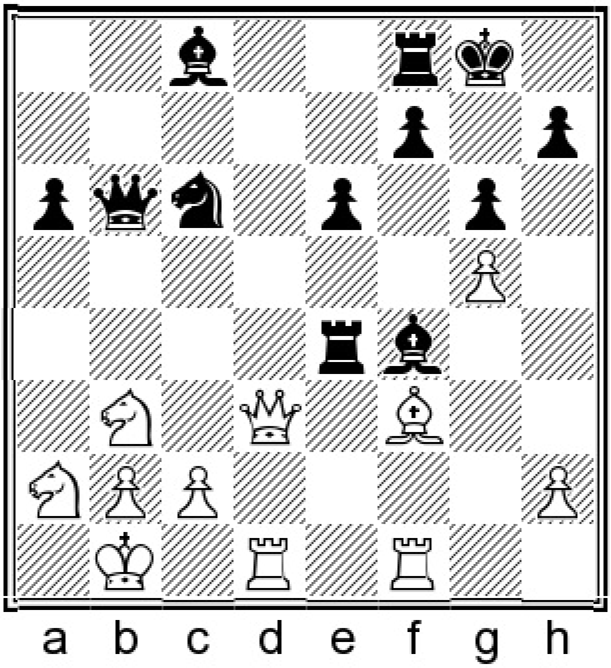
**15...♖xb4 16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.g5 ♗d4**

17...♗e7 18.f5 ♖d8 19.g6 hxg6 20.fxg6 ♗f6 21.gxf7+ ♕xf7 22.♖g1 a5 23.♖df1 ♕e7

**18.♔b1 ♕b6?**

18...♗d7! 19.♘a2 ♖a4 20.♘c3 ♗xc3 21.♕xc3 ♖xe4 22.♖d4 ♖xd4 23.♘xd4 ♕b6∓

**19.♘a2 ♗e3 20.♕xd6 ♖xe4 21.♖f1 g6 22.♗f3 ♗xf4 23.♕d3??**



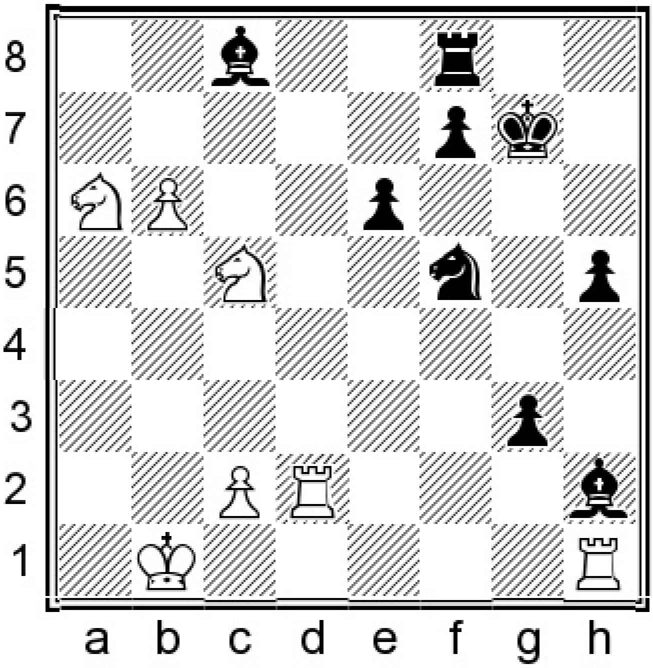
23.♕a3 ♖d4 24.♘xd4 ♘xd4 25.h4 a5=∞

**23...♖e3! 24.♕c4 ♖xf3! 25.♖xf3 ♗xg5 26.♖ff1 ♘e7 27.♕b4 ♕xb4 28.♘xb4 ♘f5 29.♖fe1 ♗f4 30.♘c5 ♗xh2 31.♘bxa6 g5 32.b4 g4**

32...♗f4! 33.b5 ♘d6 34.b6 ♗xa6 35.♘xa6 ♖c8-+

**33.b5 h5 34.♖h1 g3 35.♖d2 h4?**

35...♔g7 36.b6



36...♘d6!! 37.c4 ♔h6! 38.♖dxh2 (38.♖xd6 g2 39.♖dd1 ♖d8!! 40.♖c1 gxh1=♕ 41.♖xh1 ♖d6-+) 38...gxh2 39.♖xh2 ♖g8 40.♔c2 ♖g4-+

**36.b6 ♔g7 37.b7 ♗xb7 38.♘xb7 h3 39.♖dxh2 gxh2 40.♘bc5**

40.♖xh2 ♖h8 41.c4=

**40...♘g3**

40...♘e3! 41.♖xh2 ♖h8 42.♘e4 ♘g4 43.♖h1 f5 44.♘d2 e5 45.♘c5 h2 46.♘d3 e4-+

**41.♖xh2 ♖h8 42.♘d3 ♘f1 43.♖h1 h2 44.♖xf1 h1=♕ 45.♖xh1 ♖xh1+= 46.♔b2 ♔f6 47.c4 e5 48.♘ab4 e4 49.♘d5+ ♔e6 50.♘3f4+ ♔e5 51.♘e2 ♖h2 52.♘f4 ♖f2 53.c5 ♖f3 54.♔a2 f5 55.♔b2 ♖xf4 56.♘xf4 ♔xf4 57.c6 e3 58.♔c2 ♔f3 59.c7 e2 60.c8=♕ e1=♕ 1/2-1/2**

**67. B62**
**Lagarde, Maxime (2647) - Mamedov, Rauf (2673)**
**Terme Catez 151/67, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d3 ♗d7 8.O-O-O a6 9.♕g3**

9.f4 - 148/60

**9...h6 10.♗e3 ♘xd4 11.♖xd4**

11.♗xd4 e5 12.♗e3 ♖c8 13.♗d3 ♖xc3!? 14.bxc3 ♕c8=∞

**11...e5 12.♖b4!? b5 13.♗e2 ♖c8 14.♗d2 ♕c7N**

14...♗e6; 14...g6

**15.♗d3 ♗e6 16.♔b1 ♗e7 17.♕xg7?**

17.♘d5!? ♘xd5 (17...♗xd5 18.exd5 e4 19.♖xe4! ♘xe4 20.♗xe4 ♗f6 21.♗b4 ♖d8 22.♗d3∞) 18.exd5 ♗xd5 19.♕xg7 ♔d7 20.♕g3 ♗e6∞; 17.h4!?∞

**17...♖g8 18.♕xh6 ♖g6?**

18...♕c5! 19.♘d1 (19.a3 ♘g4 20.♕h5 ♘xf2 21.♖f1 ♘xd3 22.cxd3 ♖xg2∓) 19...♘g4 20.♕h5 (20.♕h7? ♔d7-+) 20...♘xf2 21.♘xf2 (21.♗e3 ♕xb4 22.♘xf2 ♖xg2∓) 21...♕xf2 22.♕d1 ♖xg2∓

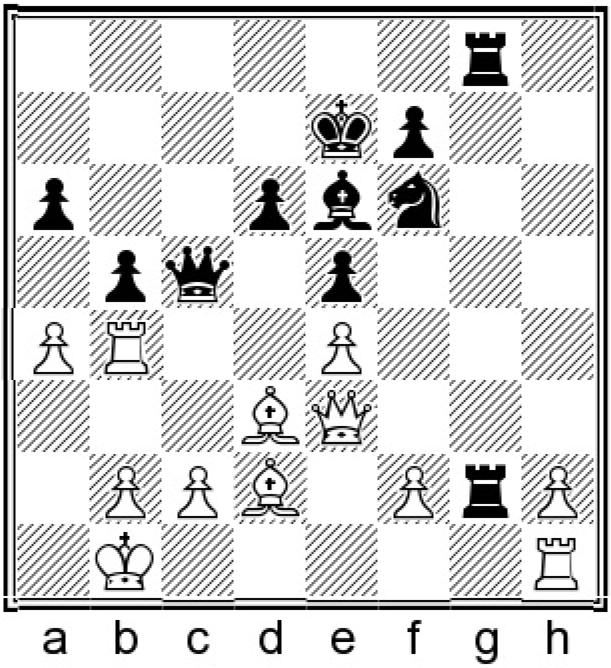
**19.♕e3 ♕c5 20.♘d5**

20.♘d1 d5 21.♕xc5 (21.exd5 ♕xd5 22.b3 ♕xg2 23.♕e1 ♕c6 24.♖h4∞) 21...♗xc5 22.exd5 ♗xb4 23.♗xb4 e4 24.♗xb5+ axb5 25.dxe6 ♖xg2 26.exf7+ ♔xf7∞

**20...♖xg2 21.♘xe7 ♔xe7 22.a4?**

22.h3 ♖xf2 23.a4 ♘d5! 24.♕xc5 dxc5 25.♗e1 ♘xb4 26.♗xf2 ♗a2+ 27.♔c1 (27.♔a1? ♗b3!∓) 27...♘xd3+ 28.cxd3 bxa4∞

**22...♖cg8?**



22...♘g4! 23.♕e1 (23.♕g5+ f6 24.♕g7+ ♗f7-+; 23.♕h3 ♖xf2 24.♕h4+ f6 25.♗c3 (25.♕h7+ ♗f7-+) 25...♖xh2! 26.♖xh2 ♘xh2-+) 23...f6! 24.♖g1 ♖xg1 25.♕xg1 ♘xf2-+

**23.♕e1! ♕xf2 24.♕xf2 ♖xf2 25.♗e1 ♖fg2 26.♗g3 ♘h5**

26...♗d7!? 27.axb5 ♗xb5 (27...axb5 28.♗f1 ♖d2 29.♔c1 ♖d4 30.♖xd4 exd4 31.♗d3 ♗c6 32.♖e1±)

28.♗h4 ♖g1+ 29.♖xg1 ♖xg1+ 30.♔a2 ♖g4 31.♗xf6+ ♔xf6 32.c4 ♗c6 33.c5 ♗d5+ 34.b3 dxc5 35.♖b6+ ♗e6 36.♖xa6 ♖g2+ 37.♔a3 ♖xh2 38.♖c6=

**27.axb5 ♘xg3 28.hxg3 ♖2xg3 29.♖c1 axb5 30.♖xb5= ♔d7 31.b4 ♔c6 32.♖a5 ♖b8 33.♖a6+ ♖b6 34.♖xb6+ ♔xb6 35.♖f1 ♖g4 36.♔b2 ♖h4 37.c4 ♖h2+ 38.♔c3 ♖h3 39.♔c2 ♖h2+ 40.♔c3 ♖h3 41.♔c2 1/2-1/2**

### 68. B66
### Grandelius, Nils (2672) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2760)
### Wijk aan Zee 151/68, 2022

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O h6 9.♗f4 ♗d7 10.♘xc6 ♗xc6 11.f3 ♕b6 12.♗c4 ♖d8**

12...O-O-O - 48/247

**13.♗b3 ♗e7 14.♗e3 ♕c7 15.♕f2 ♕b8N**

15...♘d7 16.♕g3±

**16.♗b6 ♖c8 17.g4 O-O 18.h4 ♘d7 19.♗d4 ♘c5 20.♖hg1?**

20.g5 h5 21.f4 b5 (21...♘xe4? 22.♘xe4 ♗xe4 23.♗xg7!±) 22.f5 g6!∞

**20...b5 21.h5**

21.g5 h5 22.♗f6 ♕c7 23.♗xe7 ♕xe7∓

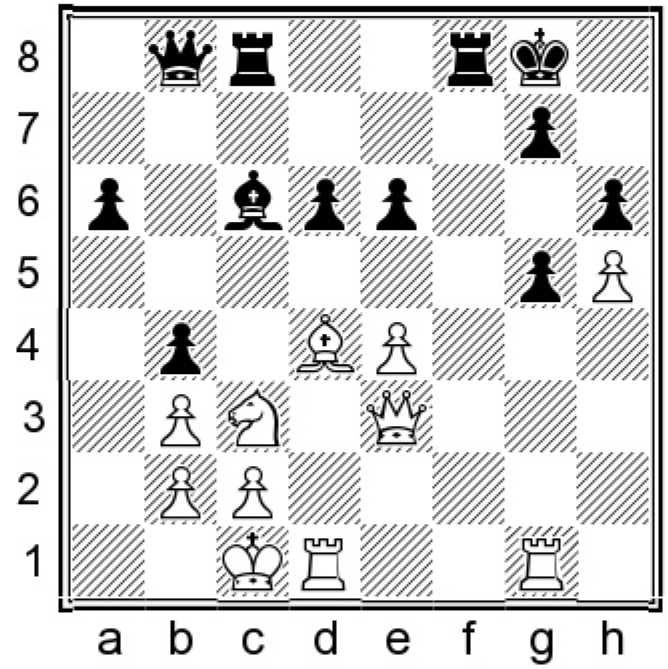
**21...b4 22.g5**

22.♘e2 ♘xb3+ 23.axb3 a5 24.g5 ♗xg5+! 25.f4 ♗xe4 26.♖d2 f6 27.fxg5 fxg5 28.♕e3 ♕a8 29.♘g3 ♗d5∓

**22...♗xg5+ 23.f4 ♘xb3+ 24.axb3 f6!**

24...bxc3? 25.fxg5 cxb2+ 26.♔xb2 ♗xe4 27.c3 ♗d5 28.b4 ♖c4 29.♕d2±

**25.fxg5 fxg5 26.♕e3**



**26...bxc3?**

26...♕b7! 27.e5 (27.♘a4 ♗xe4 28.♖d2 e5 29.♗b6 ♖f4∓) 27...dxe5 28.♕xe5 bxc3 29.♕xe6+ ♕f7 30.♕xf7+ ♖xf7 31.bxc3 ♗f3∓

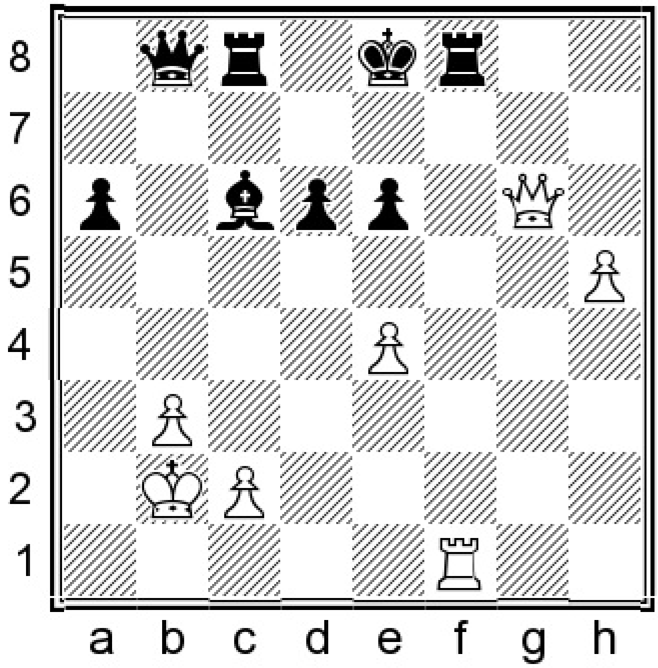
**27.♗xg7! cxb2+**

27...♔xg7? 28.♖xg5+ hxg5 29.♕xg5+ ♔f7 30.♖f1+ ♔e8 31.♕g6+ ♔d8 (31...♔e7 32.♕g7+ ♔d8 33.♖xf8+ ♗e8 34.bxc3+-) 32.♖xf8+ ♔c7 33.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 34.h6+-

**28.♔xb2**

28.♗xb2 e5 29.♖xg5+ (29.♗a3 ♕b7 30.♖ge1 (30.♖xd6 ♗xe4 31.♗c5 ♖f3 32.♕d2 ♕f7∞) 30...♖f4 31.♗xd6 ♗xe4 32.♖d2 ♕c6∞) 29...hxg5 30.♕xg5+ ♔f7 31.♖f1+ ♔e8 32.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 33.♕f6+ ♔e8 34.♗c3 ♗xe4 35.♕e6+ ♔f8 36.♕f6+=; 28.♔b1 ♔xg7 29.♖xg5+ hxg5 30.♕xg5+ ♔f7 31.♖f1+ ♔e8 32.♕g6+ ♔e7! (32...♔d8? 33.♖xf8+ ♔c7 34.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 35.h6+-) 33.♕g7+ ♔d8 34.♖xf8+ ♗e8 35.h6 ♕b4 36.h7 ♕e1+ 37.♔xb2 ♖xc2+! 38.♔xc2 ♕e2+ 39.♔c3 ♕e3+ 40.♔c4 d5+ 41.exd5 exd5+ 42.♔xd5 ♕xb3+=

**28...♔xg7 29.♖xg5+ hxg5 30.♕xg5+ ♔f7 31.♖f1+ ♔e8 32.♕g6+**



**32...♔d8!**

32...♔e7? 33.♕g7+ ♔d8 34.♖xf8+ ♗e8 35.h6 ♕c7 36.c3 d5 37.♖f2! ♖b8 38.♖g2+-

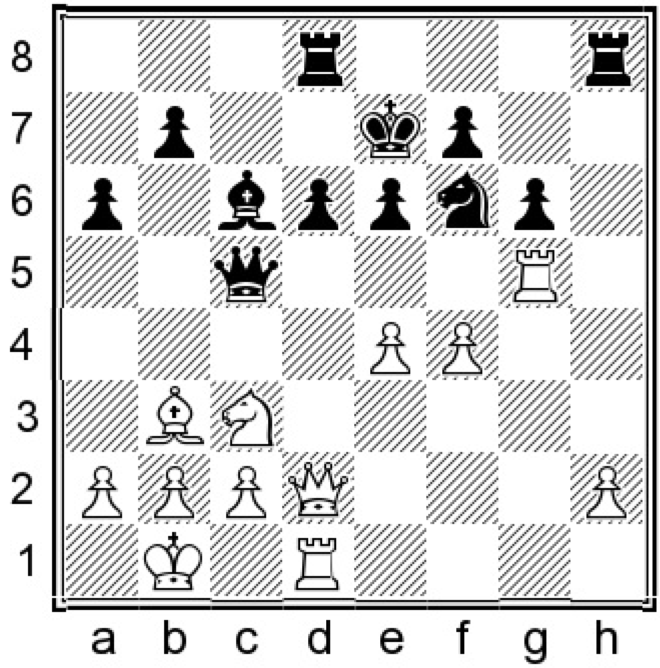
**33.♖xf8+ ♔c7 34.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 35.h6 ♗xe4! 36.♕xe4 ♕h8+ 37.♔a2 ♕xh6 38.♕c4+ ♔b7 39.♕b4+ ♔c7 40.♕c4+ ♔b7 1/2-1/2**

**69. B67**
**Grischuk, Alexander (2764) - Bacrot, Etienne (2642)**
**Berlin 151/69, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.f3 ♘xd4 10.♕xd4 ♗e7 11.♔b1 ♕c7 12.g4 h5 13.gxh5 ♘xh5 14.♗xe7 ♔xe7 15.♖g1 ♕c5N**

15...b5?! - 150/57

**16.♕d2 ♗c6 17.♗c4 ♖ad8 18.♗b3 g6 19.f4 ♘f6 20.♖g5?**



20.♖ge1 ♔f8 21.f5 gxf5 22.exf5 ♕xf5 23.♖f1 ♕e5 24.♖de1 ♖xh2 25.♕c1 ♘e4 26.♘xe4 ♗xe4 27.♗xe6!∞

**20...♕b6?**

20...♘xe4!! 21.♘xe4 ♗xe4 22.♖xc5 dxc5 23.♕e1 ♖xd1+ 24.♕xd1 ♖xh2-+

**21.♖e1 ♖h7?**

21...♖h4 22.♘d5+ exd5 23.exd5+ ♔f8 24.dxc6 bxc6∞

**22.♘d5+! exd5 23.exd5+ ♔f8 24.dxc6 ♕xc6 25.♕d4**

25.f5! ♘e4 26.♕e3 d5 (26...♘xg5 27.♕e7+ ♔g7 28.♕xd8+-) 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.♖f1+ ♔g7 29.♕d4+ ♘f6 30.h4+-

**25...♖e8 26.♖gg1?**

26.♖d1! d5 27.f5 ♖h5 28.h4 ♖e4 29.♕g1 ♖hxh4 30.fxg6 ♖eg4 31.♕e3 fxg6 32.♖xg4 ♖xg4 33.a3+-

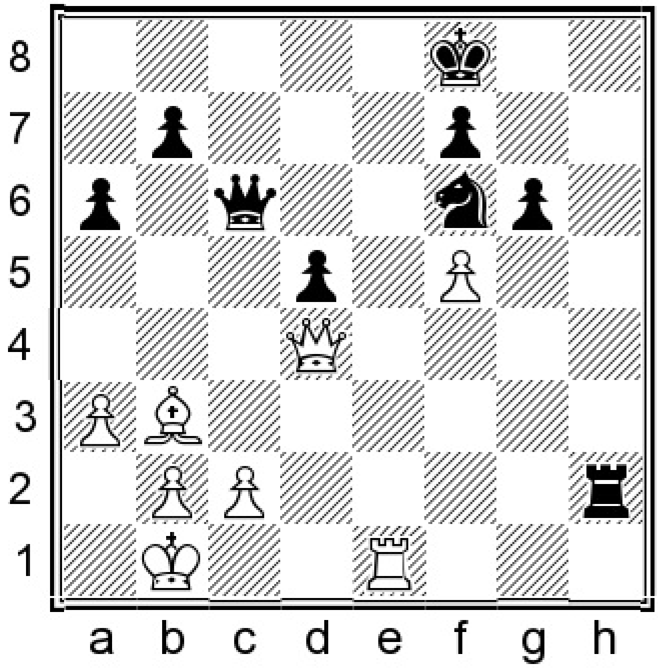
**26...♖xe1+ 27.♖xe1 d5**

27...♔g7! 28.a3 ♖xh2 29.♖e7 d5 30.♔a2∞

**28.a3?!**

28.f5! g5 (28...gxf5? 29.♕f4 ♖h5 30.a3+-) 29.♕e5 ♔g7 30.a3±

**28...♖xh2 29.f5**



**29...gxf5**

29...g5! 30.♕e5 (30.♖e6 fxe6 31.♕xf6+ ♔e8! 32.fxe6 ♖e2 33.♕xg5 ♖xe6 34.♗xd5 ♖e1+ 35.♔a2 ♕xc2=) 30...♖h6 31.♕e3 (31.♕b8+ ♔g7 32.♖e7 a5!⇄) 31...♘e4 32.♕d3 ♘f6=

**30.♕f4 ♖g2?**

30...♖h5 31.♖g1 ♘g4 32.♕b4+ ♔g8 33.♕d4 ♔f8 34.♗xd5 ♕d6 35.♕c4 b5 36.♕c8+ ♔g7 37.♗b3±

**31.♕xf5?**

31.♗a4! b5 (31...♕b6 32.♕h6+ ♔g8 (32...♖g7 33.♕xf6 ♕xf6 34.♖e8#) 33.♖e8+! ♘xe8 34.♕xb6+-) 32.♕h6+ ♖g7 33.♖g1+-

**31...♔g7 32.♖h1 ♕c5 33.♔a2! ♖g1 34.♖h3 ♖g6 35.♕e5 ♕c8 36.♖h1 b5 37.c3 ♕e6 38.♕h2 ♔f8 39.♕b8+ ♘e8**

39...♔e7 40.♖h8 ♕d6 41.♕b7+ ♘d7 42.♗xd5+-

**40.♕d8?!**

40.♖h8+! ♖g8 41.♖h5+-

**40...♔g7?!**

40...♖h6! 41.♖d1 ♕d6 42.♕g5 ♖g6 43.♕f5 ♖f6 44.♕h3 ♖h6 45.♕d3 ♘f6±

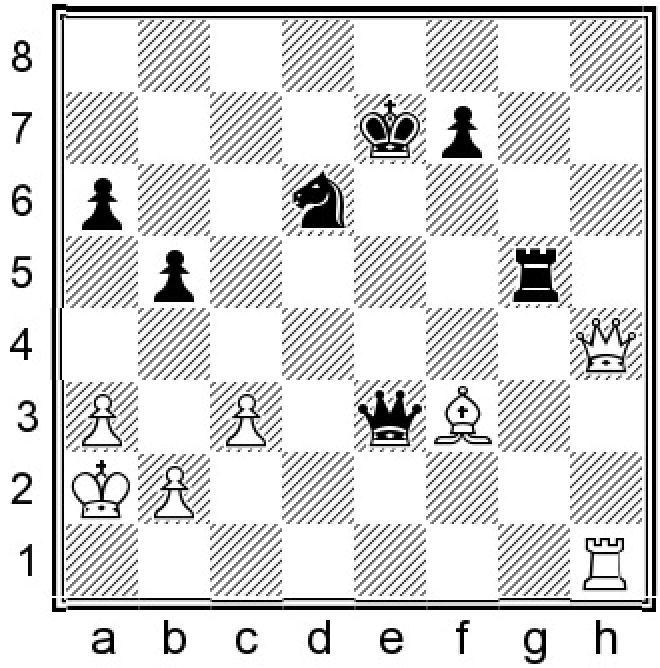
**41.♗xd5+- ♕e5 42.♗b3 ♕e4 43.♕d1 ♘d6 44.♕h5 ♔f8 45.♗d5**

45.♖h4 ♕f5 46.♕h8+ ♔e7 47.♕b8+-

**45...♕f4 46.♕h8+ ♖g8 47.♕h3 ♕d2 48.♕h5?!**

48.c4! bxc4 49.♕d7! ♕xd5 (49...♕f4 50.♕d8+ ♘e8 51.♖e1+-) 50.♕d8+ ♔g7 51.♖g1+ ♔h6 52.♕h4+ ♕h5 53.♕xh5+ ♔xh5 54.♖xg8+-

**48...♖g5 49.♕h6+ ♔e7 50.♗f3 ♕e3 51.♕h4**



**51...♔d7?!**

51...♘f5! 52.♕b4+ ♘d6 53.♗c6 ♕c5 54.♖e1+ ♔f6 55.♕f4+ ♔g6 56.♕f3±

**52.♖e1 ♕c5 53.♕h3+ ♕f5 54.♕h1 ♕c5 55.♖d1 ♔c7 56.♖d4 ♕e5 57.♗d5 ♖h5 58.♕f3 ♖f5 59.♕g2 a5 60.♗b3?**

60.♖d1±

**60...a4 61.♗d5 ♕e1 62.♗a8 ♕e6+ 63.♗d5**

63.c4 ♖c5! 64.♗d5 ♕e3 65.♕g7 bxc4 66.♕f6 ♘b5 67.♕xf7+ ♔b6 68.♕b7+ ♔a5 69.♕a8+ ♔b6=

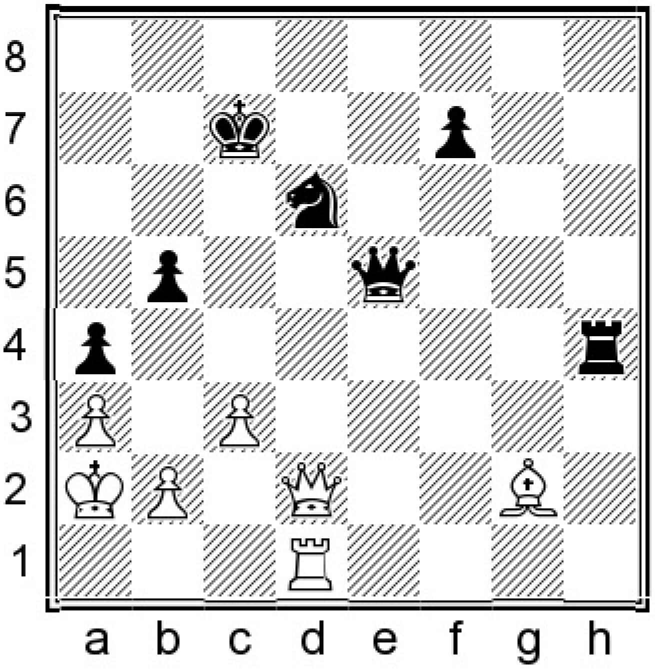
**63...♕e1 64.♗f3 ♕e3**

64...♕e6+ 65.♗d5 (65.♔a1 ♖e5=) 65...♕e1=

**65.♗g4 ♖f4**

65...♖g5 66.♕a8 ♕xd4! 67.cxd4 ♖xg4±

**66.♖d1 ♕e4 67.♕d2 ♕e5 68.♗h3 ♖h4 69.♗g2**



**69...♕c5??**

69...♖h5±

**70.♕e1!+- ♕c4+**

70...♖h6 71.♕e7+ ♔b6 72.♖d5 ♕c4+ (72...♕c7 73.♕e3++-) 73.♔a1 ♕f4 74.♕d8+ ♔a6 75.♕a8+ ♔b6 76.♕b8+ ♔a6 77.♖c5+-

**71.♔a1 ♔d7 72.♗f1 ♕e4 73.♕d2 ♕f4 1-0**

**70. B69**
**Alekseenko, Kirill (2710) - Bacrot, Etienne (2647)**
**Terme Catez 151/70, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.f4 ♗e7 10.♘f3 b5 11.♗xf6 gxf6 12.♗d3 ♕a5 13.♔b1 b4 14.♘e2 ♕c5 15.f5 a5 16.♘f4 a4 17.♖he1 ♘e5**

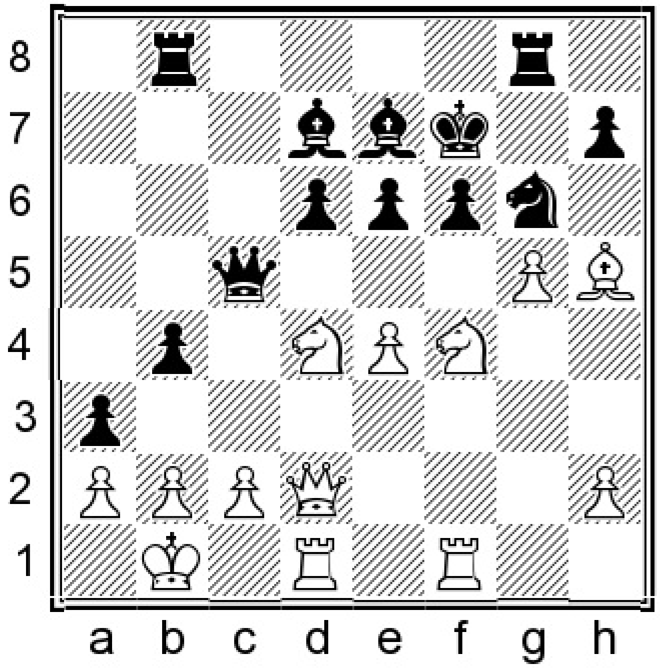
17...♗d8 - 148/65

**18.fxe6 fxe6 19.♗e2 ♖b8N**

19...O-O

**20.♘d4 ♔f7 21.♖f1 ♖hg8 22.♗h5+ ♘g6 23.g4 a3 24.♘b3**

24.g5!?



24...♕c3!! 25.♕xc3 bxc3 26.♘b3 ♗b5 27.♖f3 e5 28.♘h3 ♔g7 29.gxf6+ ♗xf6∞; 24.♘f5!? ♕c3!! 25.bxc3 bxc3+ 26.♔a1 cxd2 27.♗xg6+ hxg6 28.♘h6+ ♔g7 29.♘xg8 ♖xg8 30.♖xd2 ♔f7∞; 24.♖f3! b3! 25.♘xb3 ♕e5 26.bxa3 ♔g7 27.♗xg6 hxg6 28.h4↑

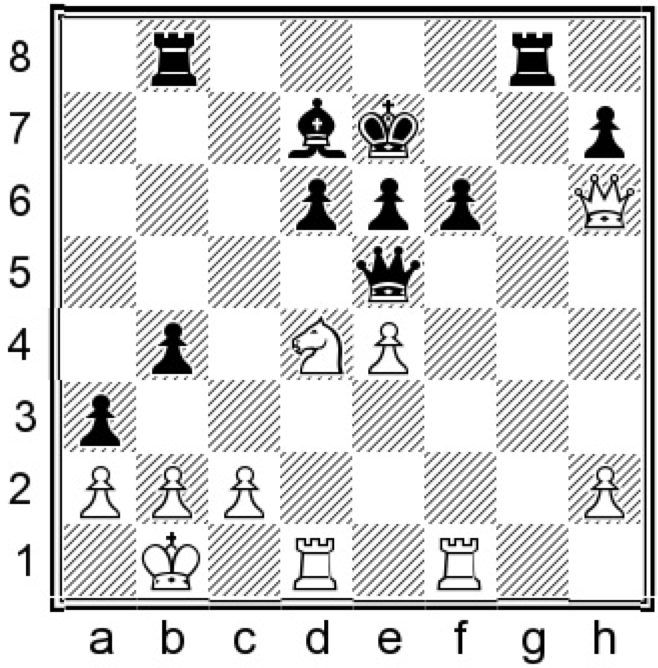
**24...♕b5?!**

24...♕e5 25.♘d3 ♕xe4 26.♖de1 ♕d5 27.♕e3∞

**25.g5?!**

25.h4! ♕e5 (25...axb2 26.g5 ♖a8 27.♕d4 e5 28.♕d5+ ♕xd5 29.♘xd5±) 26.♘d3 ♕xe4 27.♕h6 ♖g7 28.g5 f5 29.♘bc5! dxc5 30.♖fe1 ♕g2 31.♗xg6+ ♔g8 (31...hxg6 32.♘e5+ ♔g8 33.♘xg6 ♖h7 34.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 35.♖xd7!+-) 32.♗f7+! ♖xf7 33.♖g1 ♗f8 (33...♕e2 34.g6+-) 34.♖xg2 ♗xh6 35.gxh6+ ♔f8 36.♖dg1±

**25...♕xg5 26.♘xg6 ♕xh5 27.♘xe7 ♕e5 28.♘d4 ♔xe7 29.♕h6**



**29...♕g5**

29...♖g4! 30.♕xh7+ ♔d8 31.♕h8+ ♔c7 32.♕xf6 ♖xe4∓

**30.♕xh7+ ♖g7 31.♕h3 axb2**

31...♕e5 32.♕d3 ♖h8∞

**32.♕d3 ♖b6 33.h4 ♕xh4 34.e5**

34.♘b3 e5 35.♕e3 ♖b5 (35...♖a6? 36.♘c5! dxc5 37.♕xc5+ ♔e8 38.♖xd7! ♖xd7 (38...♔xd7 39.♖d1+ ♔e8 40.♕c8+ ♔f7 41.♕b7+ ♔g8 42.♕xa6+-) 39.♕c8+ ♔e7 40.♕xa6+-) 36.♕d2 ♖b6 37.♘c5 ♗b5 38.♖h1 ♕g4∞

**34...fxe5 35.♕f3 ♖b8 36.♘c6+ ♗xc6 37.♕xc6 ♖d8 38.♖xd6 ♖xd6 39.♕c7+ ♖d7 40.♕c5+ ♖d6 41.♕c7+ 1/2-1/2**

# B75-B99

**71. B75**
**Shuvalova, Polina (2516) - Maurizzi, Marc Andria (2502)**
**Wijk aan Zee II 151/71, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 a6 8.♕d2 h5 9.♗c4 ♘bd7 10.a4**

10.O-O-O - 147/57

**10...♘e5 11.♗b3 ♗d7 12.f4 ♘c6N**

12...♘eg4

**13.h3 O-O**

13...♘a5 14.f5 ♘xb3 15.cxb3 O-O 16.O-O⩲; 13...b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.O-O (15.♖xa8 ♕xa8 16.♘dxb5 O-O 17.O-O ♘a5=∞) 15...♖xa1 16.♖xa1 b4 17.♘d5 O-O 18.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 19.f5⩲

**14.O-O ♘xd4**

14...b5!?

**15.♗xd4 ♗c6?!**

15...♗e6

**16.♖ae1**

16.f5±

**16...♘d7?**

16...e5 17.♗e3 ♘xe4 18.♘xe4 ♗xe4 19.fxe5 ♗xe5 (19...dxe5? 20.♕xd8 ♖axd8 21.♗b6+-) 20.♗h6 ♕b6+ 21.♔h1 ♕c6 22.♖e2⩲

**17.f5± ♗xd4+ 18.♕xd4 ♔h7 19.fxg6+**

19.♕d2

**19...fxg6 20.♖xf8 ♕xf8 21.♖f1 ♘f6 22.e5 dxe5 23.♕xe5 ♖d8 24.♘d5 ♗xd5 25.♗xd5 ♖d7 26.♗e4 ♕g7**

⌓26...♕d8

**27.♗d3 ♖d5 28.♕b8 ♖d7**

28...♘e4 29.♗xe4 ♕d4+ 30.♔h2 ♕xe4 31.♖f7+ ♔h6 32.♕f8+ ♔g5 33.♖xe7 ♖e5 34.♖d7±

**29.♖f3 h4?! 30.♖f4 ♕h6 31.♕e5+- a5 32.b3 b6 33.♔h2 ♖a7 34.♕d4**

34.♖c4!?

**34...♖d7 35.♕f2 ♕g5 36.♖xh4+ ♔g7 37.♖f4?**

37.♕g3; 37.♖c4

**37...e5! 38.♖c4 e4! 39.♗xe4 ♖d2 40.♕e1 ♕e5+! 41.♕g3 ♕xg3+ 42.♔xg3 ♘xe4+ 43.♖xe4 ♖xc2 44.♔f3 ♖d2?**

44...♖b2=

**45.g3?**

45.b4 ♖a2 46.b5+-

**45...♔f6?**

45...♖d3+ 46.♖e3 ♖d4=; 45...♔h6=

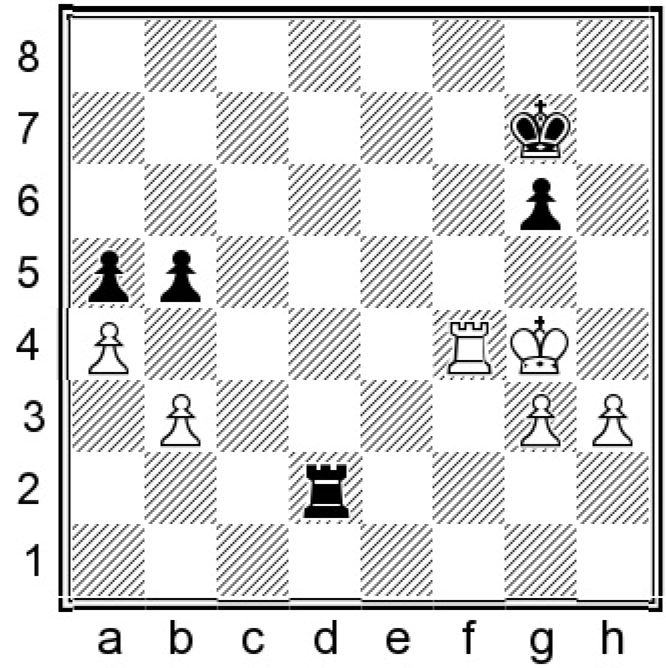
**46.♔g4?**

46.b4+-; 46.♖f4++-

**46...b5?**

46...♖b2=

**47.♖f4+ ♔g7**



47...♔e7 48.b4 (48.axb5 ♖d5 49.b6 ♖b5 50.♖f3+-) 48...axb4 49.♖e4+! ♔d7 50.♖xb4 bxa4 51.♖xa4 ♔e6 52.♔g5 ♔f7 53.♔h6+-

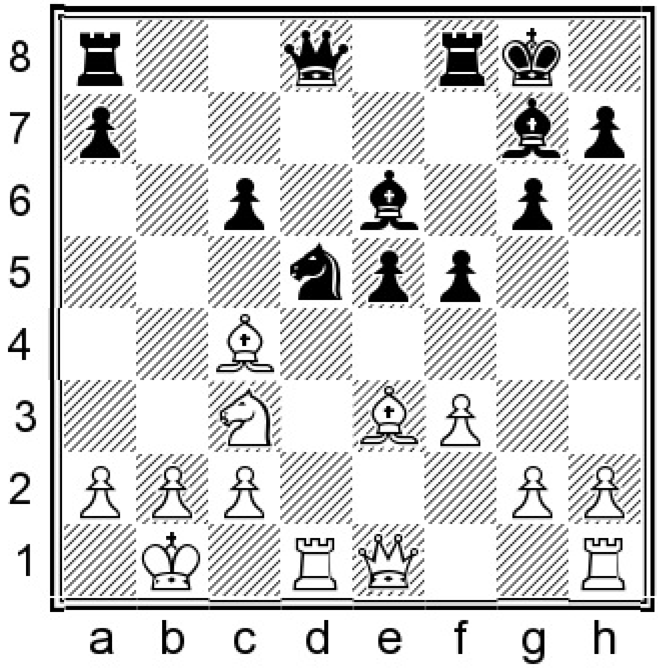
**48.b4!!+- g5 49.♖e4**

49.♔xg5?? ♖d5+ 50.♔g4 bxa4=

**49...axb4 50.axb5 b3 51.♖b4 b2 52.♔f3 ♖d3+ 53.♔f2 1-0**

**72. B76**
**Anand, Viswanathan (2751) - Mamedov, Rauf (2656)**
**Baku (rapid) 151/72, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 ♘c6 8.♕d2 O-O 9.O-O-O d5 10.♕e1 e5 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.exd5 ♘xd5 13.♗c4 ♗e6 14.♔b1 f5?!**



14...♖b8 - 136/(80); 14...h6 - 136/80

**15.♕d2!± e4N**

15...♕c7; 15...♕h4

**16.♘xd5 cxd5 17.♗xd5 ♕xd5 18.♕xd5 ♗xd5 19.♖xd5 f4 20.♗c5!**

20.♗d4?! e3±; 20.♗d2 e3 21.♗a5±

**20...♖fb8**

20...♖fe8 21.fxe4 ♖xe4 22.♖hd1 ♗f8 23.♗f2+-

**21.b3 e3 22.♗d6 ♖d8 23.c4 g5 24.♔c2 ♖ac8?!**

24...a5 25.♖hd1 ♔f7

**25.♖hd1 a5**

⌓25...h6

**26.♗e7+- ♖xd5 27.♖xd5 e2 28.♔d2 ♖c6**

28...♔f7 29.♗xg5 (29.♗d8!?) 29...♖e8 30.♗h4

**29.♗xg5**

29.♗d6!?

**29...♖e6 30.♗h4 ♗b2**

30...♖e3 31.♖d3

**31.♖xa5 ♖e3 32.♖g5+ ♔h8 33.♖f5 ♗c3+ 34.♔c2 e1=♕ 35.♗xe1 ♗xe1 36.♖xf4 ♗b4 37.c5!?**

37.♖e4 ♖c3+ 38.♔b2 ♖d3 39.a3 ♗f8 40.♔c2

**37...♗xc5 38.♖e4 ♖xe4 39.fxe4 ♔g7 40.a4 ♔f6 41.♔d3 ♔e5 42.a5 ♗g1 43.h3 ♔d6 44.b4 ♗f2 45.g4 h6 46.♔c4 ♗e1 47.a6 ♗f2 48.h4 ♔c7 49.g5 1-0**

**73. B77**
**Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2624) - Mchedlishvili, Mikheil (2571)**
**Sharjah 151/73, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 ♘c6 8.♕d2 O-O 9.♗c4 ♘xd4 10.♗xd4 ♗e6 11.♗b3 ♕a5 12.O-O-O**

12.O-O ♖ac8 13.♖ad1 ♘d7 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7 15.f4 ♘f6 16.♕d4 ♕c5=

**12...b5 13.♔b1 b4 14.♗xe6**

14.♘d5 - 80/210

**14...fxe6 15.♘e2 ♖fc8**

15...♕b5!? Δ a5∞

**16.h4**

16.♕d3

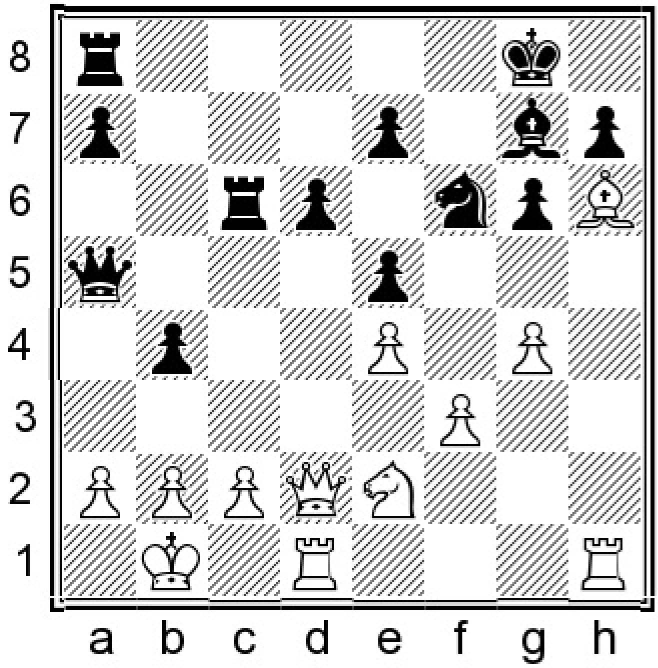
**16...♖c6 17.h5**

17.c3 ♖b8 18.cxb4 ♖xb4 19.♖c1 ♖a6! 20.♖c8+ ♔f7 21.♘c1 ♕b5 22.♗c3 ♖ba4∞; 17.g4 ♖ac8 18.c3 bxc3 19.♗xc3 ♕a6 20.h5→

**17...e5N**

17...♖ac8; 17...♖a6

**18.♗e3 ♘xh5 19.g4 ♘f6 20.♗h6**



20.♕d3 ∆ Qb3∞

**20...♖ac8**

20...♗f8! 21.♗g5 (21.♗xf8 ♖xf8∓) 21...♕b5 22.♗xf6 exf6 23.♕d3 ♕xd3 24.♖xd3 ♖ac8 25.c3 a5∓

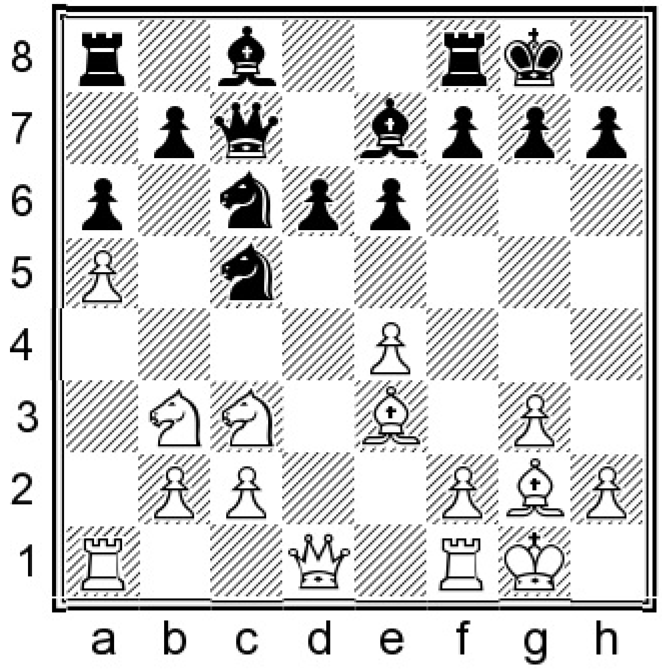
**21.♗xg7 ♖xc2 22.♕h6 b3 23.axb3 ♖xe2 24.♗xf6 ♖xb2+□ 25.♔xb2 ♕c3+ 26.♔a2 ♕c2+ 1/2-1/2**

**74. B80**
**Safarli, Eltaj (2579) - Korobov, Anton (2699)**
**Sitges 151/74, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e6 7.♗g2 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.a4 ♘c6 10.♘b3 ♕c7 11.a5 ♘d7**

11...♘e5 - 61/240

**12.♗e3 ♘c5?**



12...b5 13.axb6 ♘xb6 14.♕e2 ♖b8∞; 12...♘ce5∞

**13.♘xc5! dxc5 14.♗f4! ♕d8N**

14...e5

**15.♕xd8 ♖xd8 16.♘a4**

16.♗c7! ♖d7 17.♗b6±

**16...e5 17.♘b6 exf4?!**

17...♖b8 18.♗e3 ♘d4 19.♘d5±

**18.♘xa8 ♘d4 19.gxf4**

19.♘b6 ♘xc2 20.♘xc8 ♖xc8 21.♖a4±

**19...♘xc2**

19...♗g4!? 20.♘b6 ♘xc2 21.♖ac1 ♘d4 22.♔h1±

**20.♖ad1 ♘d4 21.♘b6?!**

21.f5!±

**21...♗g4 22.f3 ♗e6 23.f5 ♗b3 24.♖d2 c4**

24...♔f8!?

**25.♘d5 ♗c5 26.♔h1 ♔f8 27.♖c1?**

27.f4±

**27...♘c6! 28.♖e2**

28.♖a1 ♘e7=∞

**28...♘xa5 29.f4 ♘c6 30.e5 ♘d4**

30...b5!?

**31.♖e3 b6 32.♖h3**

32.f6

**32...♘xf5 33.♗e4?**

33.♖xh7 ♔g8 34.♖h3=

**33...h6∓ 34.♖f1?!**

34.♘c7

**34...b5?!**

34...a5

**35.♗xf5?**

35.♖a1

**35...♖xd5-+ 36.♖g3**

36.♖c1 a5

**36...♖d2 37.♖g2 ♖xg2**

37...c3!

**38.♔xg2 ♗d4 39.♖b1 a5 40.♔f3 a4 41.♔e2 b4 42.♖d1 0-1**

**75. B81**
**Sjugirov, Sanan (2663) - Yilmaz, Mustafa Enes (2626)**
**Riga 151/75, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 h6 8.♗g2 ♗e7 9.♗e3 ♘c6 10.f4 ♘d7 11.O-O O-O 12.♘f3**

12.♘ce2 - 126/69

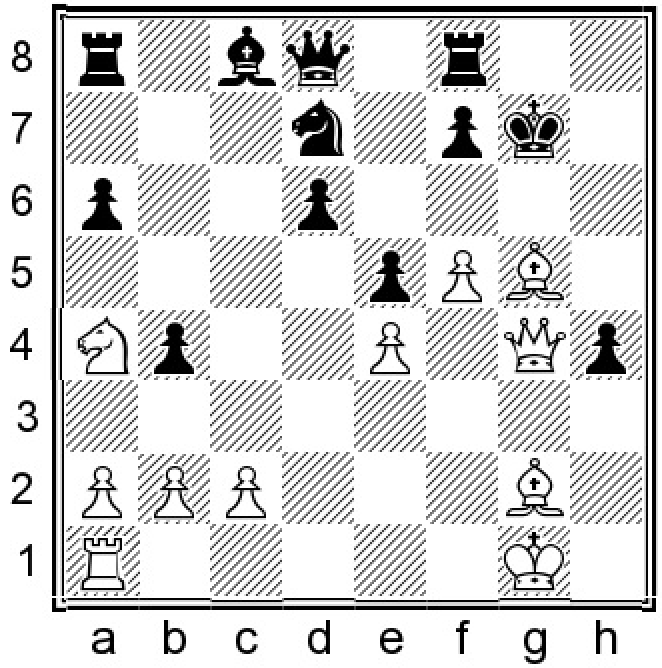
**12...b5 13.h4 b4 14.♘a4 e5!**

14...♘c5

**15.f5 ♘d4 16.♕d2N**

16.g5 ♘xf3+ (16...hxg5 17.♘xg5∞) 17.♖xf3 hxg5 18.♖h3 (18.♖g3 gxh4 19.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 20.♕g4+

♗g5□ 21.♗xg5



21...♘f6! 22.♗xf6+ ♔xf6 23.♕xh4+ ♔g7 24.♕g4+ ♔f6=) 18...♖e8 (18...gxh4 19.♕h5 ♗b7 20.♗f2 ♖e8 21.♖f1 ♗f6 22.♖d1=∞) 19.c4=∞; 16.♘xd4 exd4 17.♕xd4 a5 18.g5 hxg5 19.hxg5 ♗xg5 20.♗xg5 ♕xg5 21.♕xd6 ♖a6 22.♕f4 ♕e7 23.♖ad1 ♖e8 24.♖d3 ♖c6 25.♖f2 ♖h6 26.♕c7=

**16...♘f6**

16...♗xh4 17.♘xh4 ♕xh4 18.c3 bxc3 (18...♘b5 19.g5=∞) 19.bxc3 ♘b5 20.♖f3 ♘f6 21.♗f2 ♕xg4 22.♖g3 ♕f4 23.♕e1=∞

**17.♘xd4 exd4 18.♕xd4 ♖b8 19.g5 hxg5 20.hxg5 ♘g4 21.♗f4 ♗d7**

21...♗xg5 22.♕xd6 ♗d7 23.♗xg5 (23.♕xb8 ♕xb8 24.♗xb8 ♖xb8 25.b3 ♖c8=∞) 23...♕xg5 24.♕f4 ♕xf4 25.♖xf4 ♘e5 26.♘c5 ♗b5=∞

**22.♘c5**

22.♕d1 ♘e5 23.♗xe5 dxe5 24.f6 gxf6 25.gxf6 ♗xf6 26.♖xf6 ♕xf6 27.♕xd7 ♖bd8=∞

**22...♗b5!**

22...dxc5? 23.♕d1!±

**23.♘d3?!**

23.♕d1 ♘e5∓

**23...♗xg5**

23...♖c8!∓

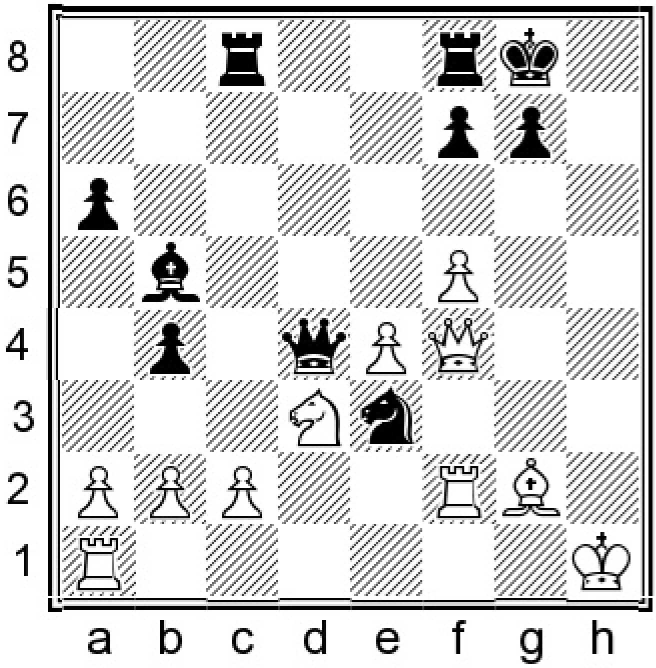
**24.♕xd6 ♗xf4**

24...♖c8! 25.♕xd8 (25.♖f3 ♕xd6 26.♗xd6 ♖fe8∓) 25...♗xd8↑

**25.♕xf4 ♕d4+ 26.♔h1 ♘e3 27.♖f2**

27.♖f3 ♘xg2 28.♔xg2=

**27...♖bc8?**



27...♖b6! 28.e5 ♖h6+ 29.♔g1 ♕b6 30.♗e4 ♗c6↑

**28.f6!+- ♖c6 29.♕g3**

29.fxg7 ♔xg7 30.♗h3 ♖g6 31.♖g1

**29...g6?**

29...♖xf6 30.♖xf6 ♕xf6 31.♕xe3 ♗xd3 32.cxd3 ♕xb2 33.♖f1

**30.♘e5! ♕d6**

30...♖e8 31.♘xg6 ♖xf6 32.♖xf6 ♕xf6 33.♘f4+ ♔h8 34.♕xe3

**31.♕g5 ♖e8?**

31...♕c5

**32.♘xg6 1-0**

**76. B84**
**Kovalenko, Igor (2647) - Inarkiev, Ernesto (2668)**
**Zagreb 151/76, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.♗e3 ♘bd7 8.O-O b5 9.f3**

9.a4 - 20/487

**9...♗b7 10.a3 ♗e7 11.♕e1 ♖c8 12.♕g3 O-O 13.♖ad1 ♘e5 14.♔h1**

14.f4?! ♖xc3! 15.bxc3 ♘xe4∓

**14...♖e8N**

14...♔h8; 14...♘c4; 14...♕c7

**15.♘b3 ♕c7 16.♖d2 ♗a8 17.♘d4 ♖b8 18.♗h6 ♗f8 19.♗g5 ♘fd7 20.♘d1 f6 21.♗e3 ♘b6 22.b3 ♘g6 23.♗d3 ♘d7 24.h4 ♘c5 25.b4 ♘xd3 26.cxd3 ♖bc8**

26...♕f7=

**27.♘f2 d5 28.♕h3 ♕d6?**

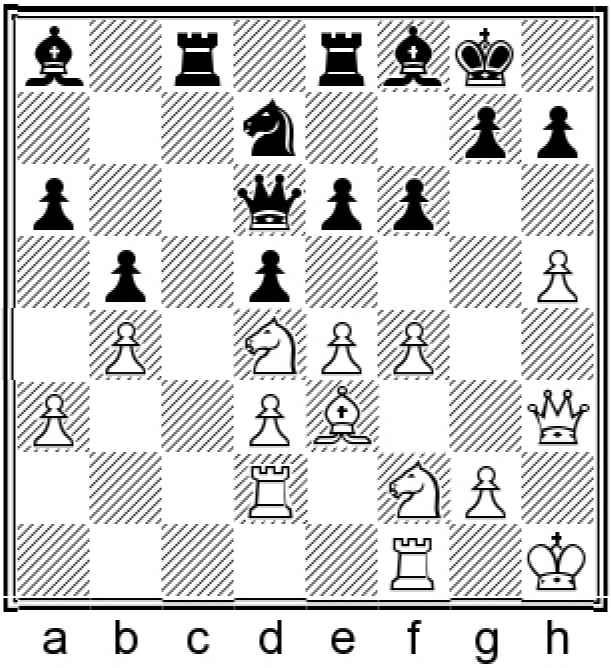
28...♘f4 29.♕g4 h5 30.♕xf4 (30.♗xf4 ♕c1 (30...hxg4 31.♗xc7 ♖xc7 32.♘xg4 ♖c3=∞) 31.♕xh5 ♕xf1+ 32.♔h2 e5 33.♘f5 exf4 34.♕g6 ♔h8=) 30...♗d6 31.♘xe6 ♗xf4 32.♘xc7 ♗xc7=∞; 28...e5 29.♖c2 ♕b7 30.♖xc8 ♕xc8 31.♘f5 d4 32.♗d2 ♘e7=

**29.h5 ♘e5?!**

29...♘f4

**30.h6?!**

30.f4 ♘d7



31.e5! ♕e7 (31...fxe5 32.fxe5 ♕xe5 (32...♘xe5 33.♗f4+-) 33.♘g4 ♕d6 34.♖df2 e5 (34...h6 35.♖f7+-) 35.♘f5 ♕c6 36.d4 e4 37.♕g3+-) 32.♘g4±→

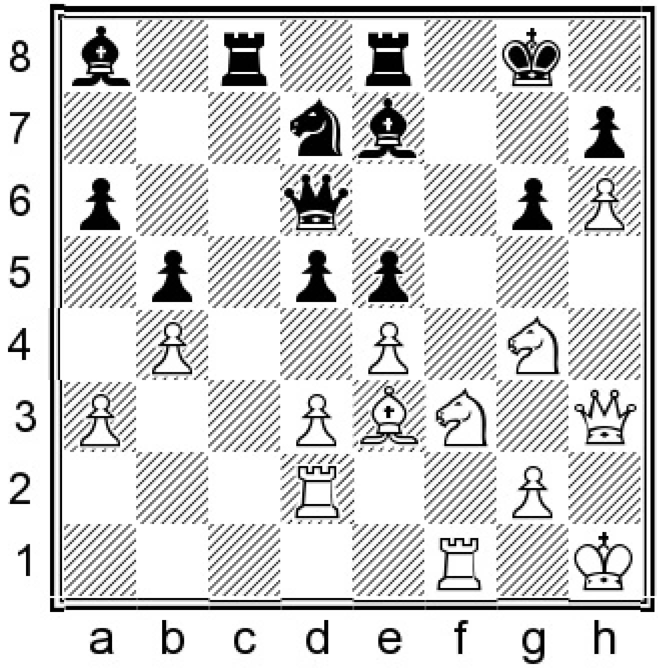
**30...g6 31.f4 ♘d7 32.♘f3**

32.♘b3!?

**32...e5?**

32...f5 33.e5 ♕c7 34.♘d4±

**33.fxe5 fxe5 34.♘g4! ♗e7**



**35.d4! dxe4**

35...♕e6 36.dxe5 ♖f8 37.♖df2+-

**36.dxe5+- ♕e6 37.♘d4**

37.♘g5

**37...♕c4 38.♖df2**

38.♖fd1

**38...♗d5 39.♘f6+?!**

39.♖d1!?

**39...♗xf6 40.exf6 ♘e5 41.♕g3 ♕d3?**

41...♗f7 42.♘f5 ♘d3 43.♘e7+ ♔h8 44.♖f5

**42.f7+! ♘xf7 43.♕f4 ♖f8 44.♘e6**

44.♘f5

**44...♗xe6 45.♕f6 ♘xh6**

45...♕c3 46.♗d4

**46.♕xe6+ ♔g7 47.♕e7+ 1-0**

**77. B84**
**Brkic, Ante (2621) - Korobov, Anton (2690)**
**Riga 151/77, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e6 7.♗e2 ♗e7 8.g4 ♘fd7**

8...b5 - 147/62

**9.a3 O-O 10.♕d2 b5 11.g5 ♗b7 12.f4**

12.O-O-O; 12.h4

**12...♘c6 13.O-O-ON**

13.h4

**13...♖b8**

13...♘xd4 14.♗xd4 (14.♕xd4 ♘c5 15.♖hg1 ♖c8∞) 14...e5 (14...♘c5 15.♖hf1→) 15.♗e3 ♘c5 (15...exf4 16.♗xf4 ♘c5 17.♕e3±) 16.♗f3 (16.♗xc5 dxc5 17.♕d7?! ♖b8 18.♕f5 ♕b6 19.♕xe5 b4=∞) 16...exf4 17.♗xf4 a5 18.♘xb5 ♕b6=∞; 13...♘c5!?

**14.♖hg1**

14.♖he1 ♘xd4 (14...b4 15.♘xc6 ♗xc6 16.axb4 ♖xb4 17.♘d5 ♖xe4 18.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 19.♗d3 ♖a4 20.b3 ♖a1+ 21.♔b2 ♖xd1 22.♖xd1±; 14...♖e8!?) 15.♗xd4 ♗c6∞; 14.♖hf1

**14...b4! 15.♘xc6**

15.axb4 ♘xb4 16.♘b3 ♕c7∞

**15...♗xc6 16.axb4 ♖xb4 17.♘d5**

17.b3 ♕b8↑

**17...♖xe4 18.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 19.♖g3**

19.♗d3 ♖c8!∞

**19...d5**

19...♖a4!?

**20.♗d4! ♕d6**

20...e5!? 21.fxe5 ♘xe5∞

**21.♖g4 f5 22.gxf6 ♘xf6 23.♖h4 ♗e8 24.♗f3**

24.♗e5

**24...♗g6 25.♖g1?!**

25.♗xe4 ♘xe4 26.♕a5 ♖c8=∞

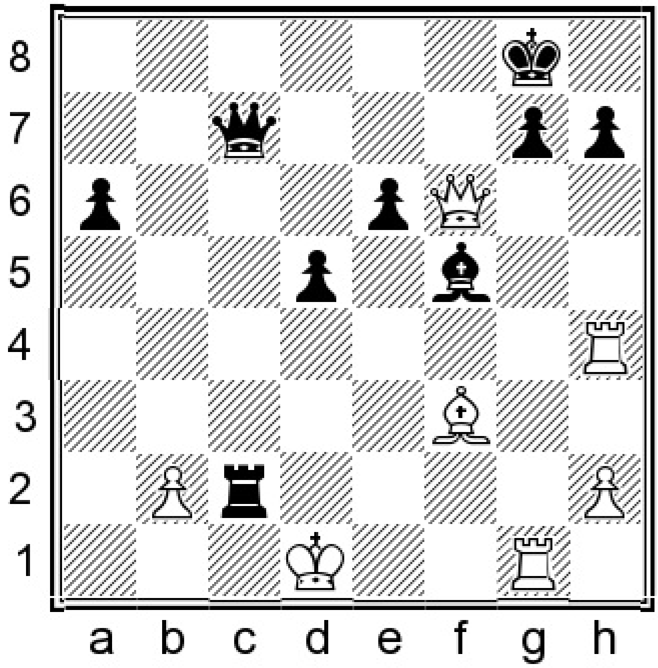
**25...♖xd4! 26.♕xd4 ♖c8**

26...♕c7!?

**27.f5**

27.♗d1!?

**27...♗xf5 28.♕xf6 ♖xc2+ 29.♔d1 ♕c7**



**30.♖xg7+?**

30.♔e1 ♖c1+ 31.♗d1 ♖xd1+ 32.♔xd1 ♕c2+ 33.♔e1 ♕b1+ (33...♕c1+ 34.♔e2 (34.♔f2?? ♕d2+! 35.♔f3 ♗e4+ 36.♖xe4 dxe4+ 37.♔xe4 ♕e2+-+) 34...♕xg1 (34...♕c2+ 35.♔e1=) 35.♕d8+ ♔f7 36.♕d7+ ♔f6 37.♕d8+=) 34.♔f2 (34.♔e2?? ♕d3+ 35.♔e1 ♕e3+ 36.♔f1 ♗d3+ 37.♔g2 gxf6-+) 34...♕xg1+ 35.♔xg1 gxf6 36.♖f4 (36.♖b4 ♗d3 37.♖b7 d4 38.♔f2 e5 39.♔e1∓) 36...♔f7 37.♖f3 ♗g4 38.♖a3 ♗e2 39.♖h3=

**30...♕xg7 31.♕d8+ ♕f8 32.♕g5+ ♔h8-+ 33.♗e4 ♖c4**

33...♗xe4 34.♖xe4 (34.♕e5+ ♔g8 35.♖xe4 ♕f3+) 34...♕f3+ 35.♔xc2 ♕xe4+; 33...♖f2!?

**34.♗xf5 ♖xh4 35.♕xh4 ♕xf5 36.♕d4+ ♔g8 37.b4 ♕f3+ 38.♔c1 ♕h1+ 39.♔b2 ♕xh2+ 40.♔a3 ♕d6 0-1**

**78. !N B85**
**Djokic, Mihailo (2274) - Velickovic, Sasa (2235)**

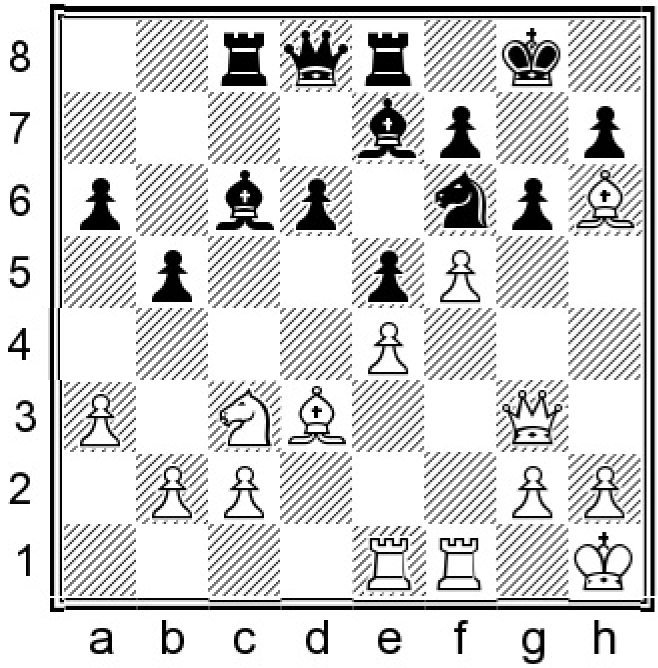
**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 a6 3.♘c3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♕c7 6.♗e2 ♘f6 7.O-O d6 8.f4 ♘c6 9.♗e3 ♗e7 10.♔h1 O-O 11.♕e1 ♗d7 12.♕g3 ♘xd4 13.♗xd4 ♗c6 14.♖ae1 b5 15.a3 ♖ac8 16.♗d3 g6**

16...e5 - 150/71

**17.f5 e5 18.♗e3 ♕d8?!**

18...♕b7; 18...a5; 18...♘h5; 18...♔g7; 18...♔h8

**19.♗h6! ♖e8**



19...♘h5!? 20.♕f2 (20.♕f3 ♗g5 21.♗xf8 ♕xf8±) 20...♗g5 21.♗xf8 ♕xf8±

**20.♘d5!N**

20.♖e3

**20...♗xd5**

20...♘xd5 21.exd5 ♗h4 22.♕f3 ♗xe1 23.fxg6 f6 24.dxc6+-

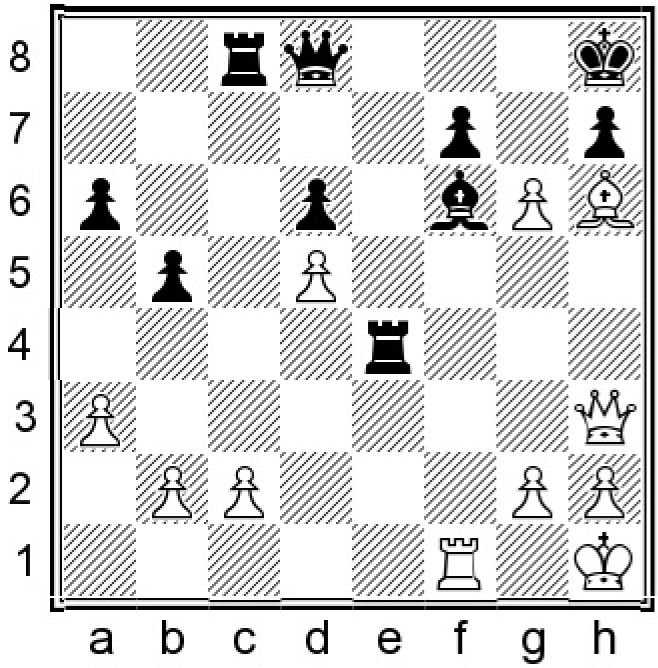
**21.exd5 ♔h8**

21...e4? 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.♗xe4 ♘xe4 24.♖xe4 ♗f8 (24...♖xc2 25.♖e6!+-) 25.♖xf7! ♔xf7 26.♖f4+ ♕f6 27.♖xf6+ ♔xf6 28.♕f4+ ♔e7 29.♗g5+ ♔d7 30.♕f7+ Δ♗e7 31.♕e6+ ♔d8 32.♕xd6#; 21...♘h5 22.♕g4 ♘f6 23.♕f3 ♔h8 24.♕h3 - 21...Kh8

**22.♕h3 ♖g8**

22...e4 23.♗xe4 (23.fxg6 fxg6 (23...exd3 24.gxf7 ♖f8 25.♗xf8 ♗xf8 26.cxd3+-) 24.♗xe4 ♕d7

25.♕e3+-) 23...♘xe4 24.♖xe4 ♗f6 25.fxg6 fxg6 (25...♖xe4



26.♗g7+!!+-) 26.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 27.♕xc8! (27.c3±) 27...♕xc8 28.♖xf6 ♔g8 29.h3+-

**23.fxg6 fxg6 24.♕e6 ♖c5 25.b4 ♖c7 26.♗e3 ♖b7 27.♖f3 ♔g7**

27...♘e8? 28.♖f7 ♖g7 (28...♘g7 29.♕h3+-) 29.♖ef1+-

**28.♖ef1 ♖f8 29.♗g5 ♖c7 30.♕h3!+- h5⊕**

30...e4 31.♗xe4 ♘xe4 32.♗h6+ ♔h8 33.♗xf8 ♘g5 34.♕h6; 30...♖f7 31.♗h6+! ♔g8 (31...♔h8 32.♕e6 ♔g8 33.g4+-) 32.♕e6 ♕c8 (32...♖b7 33.g4+-) 33.♖xf6 ♕xe6 34.♖xe6+-

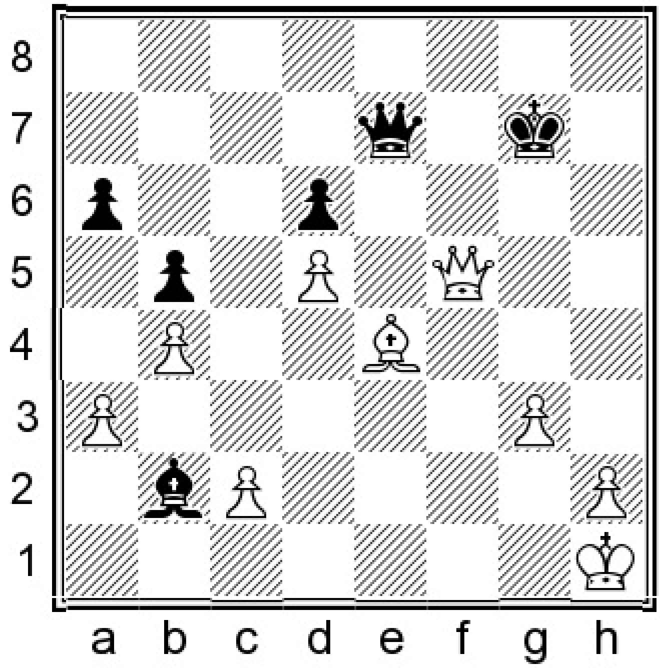
**31.♕e6 ♖b7 32.♖g3 e4□ 33.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 34.♖xf6 ♗xf6 35.♕xe4 ♔f8 36.♕xg6 ♖g7 37.♕h6 ♕e7 38.♕h8+ ♔f7 39.♕xh5+ ♔g8 40.♖xg7+ ♗xg7 41.♕h7+ ♔f8 42.♕f5+ ♗f6 43.♗e4 ♔g7**

43...♕e5 44.♕xe5 ♗xe5 45.c4! ♗b2 (45...bxc4 46.a4! ♔e7 47.g3 ♔d8 (47...♔f6 48.♔g2 ♗c3 49.b5 axb5 50.axb5 ♔e5 51.♔f3 ♔d4 52.b6 ♗a5 53.b7 ♗c7 54.h4+-) 48.♔g2 ♔c7 49.h4 ♗c3 50.b5 axb5 51.axb5+-) 46.c5 ♗xa3 47.c6 ♔e7 48.♗f5 ♔d8 49.h4 ♗xb4 50.♔h2 ♔c7 (50...a5 51.♗d3+-; 50...♗a5 51.g4 ♔e7 52.g5 ♗b6 53.♗d3+-) 51.g4 a5 52.♗d3 ♔b6 53.♗xb5+-

**44.g3**

44.♕e6!+-

**44...♗b2**



**45.♕h7+**

45.c4!! ♗xa3 (45...bxc4 46.♕h7+ ♔f8 47.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 48.a4+-) 46.c5! dxc5 (46...♗xb4 47.♕h7+ ♔f8 48.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 49.c6+-) 47.♕g6+ ♔f8 48.d6 ♕f7 (48...♕e5 49.d7+-) 49.♕h6+ ♔g8 50.♗h7+ ♕xh7 51.♕xh7+ ♔xh7 52.d7+-

**45...♔f8 46.♕xe7+**

46.♕f5++-; 46.♕h6++-

**46...♔xe7** [NB 6/h] **47.♗f5**

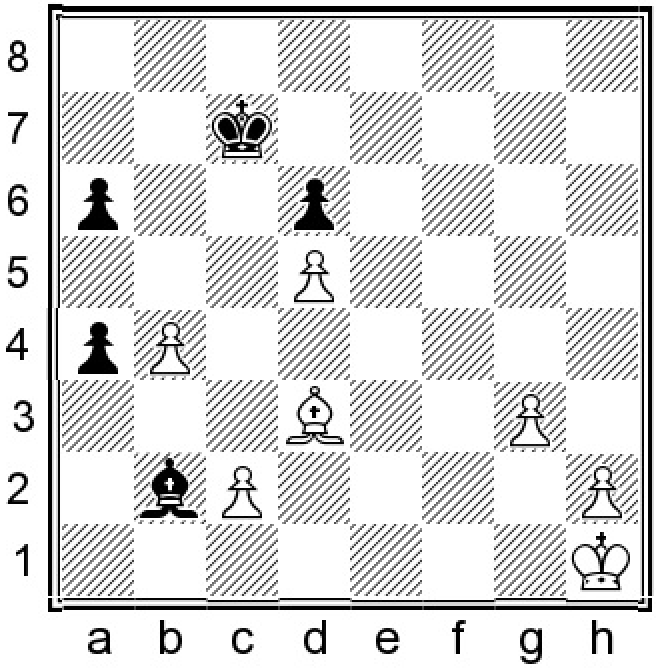
47.a4!! ♗c3 (47...bxa4 48.c4 a3 49.♗b1 ♗c3 50.c5+-) 48.axb5 axb5 49.♗d3 ♗xb4 50.♗xb5 ♔f6 51.♗d3 ♔e5 52.c4 ♔d4 53.♗f1 ♔e3 54.♔g2+-

**47...♔d8□ 48.♗d3**

48.a4!! bxa4 49.c4+-

**48...♔c7 49.c4??**

49.a4!! bxa4



50.h4!! (50.♗xa6 ♔b6 51.♗c4 ♗c3 52.g4 (52.h4 ♗xb4 53.♔g2 ♔c5 54.♗a2 ♔d4 55.g4 ♔c3 56.g5 ♔xc2=) 52...♗xb4 53.g5) 50...♔b6 51.g4! RRa5! (51...♗c3 52.g5 ♗xb4 53.h5 ♗d2 54.g6 ♗h6 55.♗c4! ♔c5 56.♗a2 ♔d4 (56...♔b4 57.c4! ♔a3 58.c5+-) 57.c4! ♔e5 58.♔g2 ♔f6 59.♔f3 ♔g5 60.c5 dxc5 (60...♔xh5 61.c6+-) 61.d6 ♔f6 62.♔e4+-)

**49...♔b6 50.cxb5 axb5 51.♔g2**

51.h4 ♗xa3 52.h5 (52.g4 ♗xb4 53.g5 ♗e1 54.h5 ♗d2 55.g6 ♗h6 56.♔g2 ♔c5=) 52...♗xb4 53.h6 ♗d2 54.h7 ♗c3 55.♔g2 ♔c7 56.♔f3 ♔d8 57.♔f4 ♔e7 58.♔f5 ♔f8=; 51.a4 bxa4 52.h4 ♗c3 53.g4 ♗e1 54.h5 ♗xb4 55.h6 ♗d2 56.h7 ♗c3 57.♔g2 ♔c5 58.♔f3 a3 59.♗b1 ♔xd5 60.♔f4 ♔e6 61.♗a2+ d5 62.♔g5 ♔f7=

**51...♗xa3 52.h4 ♗xb4 53.g4 ♔c5 54.g5 ♔xd5 55.♔f3 ♗d2 56.♗f5 ♔e5 57.♔g4 d5 58.h5 ♔d6 59.h6 ♔e7 60.♔h5 ♔f8= 61.♗e6 ♗c1 62.♗xd5 ♗d2 63.♔g6 ♗c1 64.♔f6 ♗b2+ 65.♔f5 ♗c1 66.♔g6 ♗d2 67.♔h5 ♗c1 68.g6 ♗b2 69.♗b3 ♗c3 70.♔g4 ♗b2 71.♔f5 ♗c3 72.♔e6 ♗b2 73.♔d7 ♗c3 74.♔c6 ♗b2 75.♔xb5 ♗c3 76.♔c6 ♗b2 77.♔d7 ♗c3 78.♔e6 ♗b2 79.♔f5 ♗c3 80.♔e4 ♗b2 1/2-1/2**

**79. B85**
**Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2617) - Budisavljevic, Luka (2508)**
**Riga 151/79, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 a6 3.♘c3 e6 4.♗e2 ♕c7 5.O-O ♘c6 6.d4 cxd4 7.♘xd4 ♘f6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.f4 d6 10.a4 O-O 11.♔h1 ♘xd4 12.♕xd4 ♗d7 13.e5 ♘e8 14.♘e4 ♗c6 15.♗f3 ♖d8 16.c4N**

16.♕c3 - 79/205

**16...dxe5 17.♕xe5 ♕xe5**

17...♖c8 18.♕xc7 ♘xc7 19.b3 ♖fd8 20.♖ad1 ♘e8=; 17...♘d6 18.♗d4 f6 19.♕xe6+ ♔h8 20.♘c5 ♗xf3 (20...♘e4 21.♗xe4 ♖xd4 22.♗xc6 ♗xc5 23.♗e4 b6=∞) 21.♖xf3 ♘c8 22.♘b3 ♖fe8=∞; 17...♕c8!?

**18.fxe5 f6 19.♗b6**

19.♗c5 ♗xc5 20.♘xc5 ♗xf3 21.♖xf3 ♖d2 22.♘xe6 ♖f7 23.exf6 ♖xb2 24.fxg7 ♘xg7⩱

**19...♖c8 20.b3 ♔h8?!**

20...g6

**21.♗d4**

21.♖ae1!?; 21.♗c5!?

**21...f5**

⌓21...♔g8

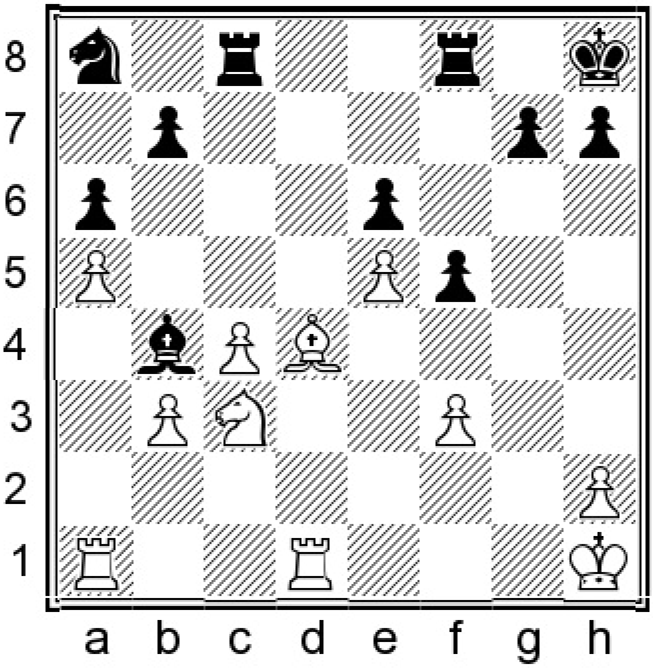
**22.♘c3**

22.♘f2!?

**22...♗xf3 23.gxf3 ♘c7?!**

23...g5; 23...♖f7

**24.♖fd1 ♘a8 25.a5± ♗b4**



25...♔g8!?

**26.♘a4! ♖fe8**

26...♗xa5 27.♘c5 ♗b4 28.♘xb7 ♖c7 29.♘d6 a5 30.♗e3±

**27.♗b6**

27.♗c3!?

**27...♘xb6 28.axb6 ♖ed8 29.c5 ♔g8**

29...♗d2 30.♖a2 ♗f4 31.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 32.c6+-

**30.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 31.♖c1 ♖c8**

⌓31...♖d5

**32.c6**

32.♖d1+-

**32...bxc6 33.♖xc6 ♖b8 34.♖xe6+- ♔f7 35.♖c6 ♗a5 36.f4 ♔e7 37.♔g2 ♖b7 38.b4!? ♗xb4 39.♖c7+ ♖xc7 40.bxc7 ♔d7 41.♘b6+ ♔xc7 42.♘d5+ ♔d7 43.♘xb4 a5 44.♘d3 ♔c6 45.e6 ♔d6 46.♘c5 ♔e7 47.♔f3 h6 48.h4 g6 49.♔e3 a4 50.♔d4 ♔d6 51.♘xa4 ♔xe6 52.♘c5+ ♔f6 53.♘d7+ ♔e6 54.♘e5 ♔f6 55.♘f3 ♔e6 1-0**

**80. B87**
**Matlakov, Maxim (2682) - Chigaev, Maksim (2639)**
**Russia (ch) 151/80, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗c4 e6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.♗b3 b5 9.a3 O-O 10.♕e2 ♗b7 11.f3 ♘bd7 12.O-O-O**

12.g4 - 24/471

**12...♖c8 13.♕e1 ♘c5N**

13...♘e5

**14.♗a2 ♕c7**

⌓14...♘fd7

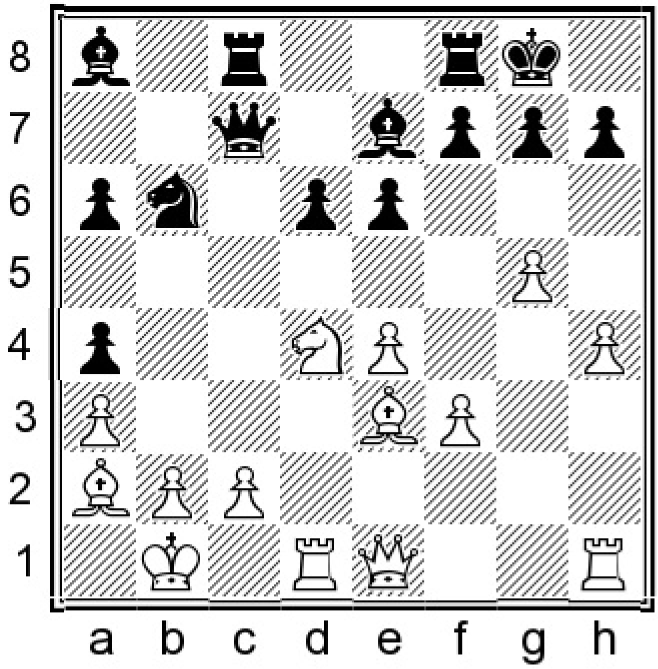
**15.♔b1 ♗a8 16.g4 ♘fd7 17.h4± ♘b6?!**

17...♘e5

**18.g5 ♘ca4?!**

18...♘c4 19.h5!? (19.♘dxb5? axb5 20.♘xb5 ♘xa3+ 21.♘xa3 d5⯹; 19.♗c1±) 19...♖b8 20.♗xc4 bxc4 21.♔a1±

**19.♘xa4 bxa4?!**



19...♘xa4 20.♕d2±

**20.g6**

20.♘xe6! fxe6 21.♗xe6+ ♔h8 22.h5! ♕xc2+ 23.♔a1 ♘c4 24.♗d4 ♗xg5 25.h6+-

**20...hxg6 21.h5! g5 22.♖g1+- ♕c5?!**

22...g4 23.♖xg4 ♗f6 24.♖g6!?; 22...♕d8 23.♗xe6 fxe6 24.♘xe6 ♕e8 25.♘xf8 ♕xf8 26.♗xb6

**23.♕d2 ♘c4 24.♗xc4 ♕xc4 25.♗xg5 f6 26.♗h6 ♖f7 27.♗xg7! ♖xg7 28.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 29.♕g2+ ♔f8 30.h6 ♔e8 31.h7 ♔d7 32.♕g7 f5 33.h8=♕ ♖xh8 34.♕xh8 ♗b7 35.exf5 1-0**

**81. B88**
**Artemiev, Vladislav (2699) - Carlsen, Magnus (2855)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m/3-rapid) 151/81, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘d4 4.♘f3 a6 5.♗d3 ♘c6 6.O-O d6 7.♗c4 e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♘f6 10.♘xc6**

10.♔h1 - 67/322

**10...bxc6 11.♖e1 e5 12.♗g5 ♗e7 13.♕d3 h6N**

13...♕c7; 13...O-O

**14.♗d2**

14.♗h4 ♕c7 (14...O-O 15.♖ad1 g5 16.♗g3 ♘h5 17.♕e2 ♘xg3 18.hxg3 ♔g7 19.♖d2 g4 20.♘d1↑) 15.♖ad1 g5 16.♗g3 ♘h5 (16...h5 17.f3 h4 18.♗f2 g4 19.f4 g3 (19...exf4 20.♗d4±) 20.hxg3 hxg3 21.♕xg3 ♘h5 22.♕h2 ♗f6 23.f5±) 17.♕e2 ♘f4 18.♗xf4 gxf4 19.♕h5 ♗f8∞; 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♖ed1

♗e7 16.b4 O-O 17.a4 ♕b6 18.♖ab1 ♖b8∞

**14...O-O 15.h3 a5! 16.♗b3 ♕c7**

16...♘h7!? 17.♘a4 ♔h8∞

**17.♖ad1 ♗e6 18.♘a4 d5?**

18...♗xb3 19.cxb3 (19.axb3 ♖fe8=) 19...♕b7=; 18...♔h8!?

**19.♕g3**

19.exd5 cxd5 20.♕g3 ♘e4 21.♖xe4! dxe4 22.♗xh6 ♗f6 23.♗xe6 fxe6 24.♖c1±

**19...♘xe4 20.♖xe4! dxe4 21.♗xh6 ♗f6 22.♗xe6 fxe6 23.♘c5 ♖ad8 24.♖e1 ♕f7 25.♘xe4**

25.♕g4!?

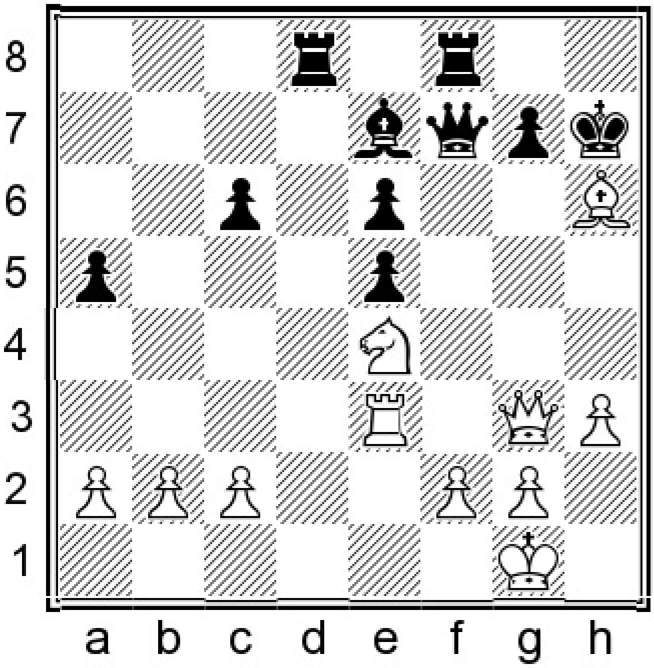
**25...♗e7**

25...♖d4!?; 25...♖d7!?

**26.♖e3**

26.♔h2!?

**26...♔h7?**



26...♔h8 27.♖f3 ♕g8 28.♗g5 ♖xf3 29.♕xf3 (29.gxf3 ♖d1+ 30.♔g2 ♗d6±) 29...♕e8□±

**27.♗g5! ♔g8**

27...♖d7 28.♗xe7 ♕xe7 29.♘g5+ ♔g8 30.♕h4 g6 31.♕h6+-; 27...♖h8 28.♗xe7 ♕xe7 29.♖a3+-

**28.♗h6?**

28.♖f3 ♕e8 29.♗h6 (29.♗f6 ♗xf6 30.♘xf6+ ♖xf6 31.♖xf6 ♖d2 32.♕g4+-) 29...♖f7 30.♕g6+-

**28...♔h7? 29.♗g5! ♔g8 30.♗h6? 1/2-1/2**

**82. ** B90**
**Bharath, Subramaniyam H (2435) - Petrov, Martin (2533)**
**Plovdiv 151/82, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♖g1 g6**

6...e5 7.♘b3 h5 8.♗g5 (8.h3 ♗e6 9.♕f3 ♗e7 (9...d5 - 145/70) 10.♗e3 ♘bd7 11.O-O-O ♖c8N (11...h4) 12.♔b1 (12.♘d5 ♗xd5 13.exd5 g6 14.♔b1±) 12...g6 (12...♖xc3! 13.bxc3 ♕c7∓) 13.♘d5 ♘xd5 14.exd5 ♗f5 15.♗d3 ♗xd3 16.♖xd3 h4 17.♕e2 f5 18.f4 ♔f7∞ Bacrot,E (2658)-Palac,M (2517) Zagreb 151/(82) 2021) 8...♗e6 (8...♗e7 - 75/(232)) 9.♕d2 ♘bd7 10.♗d3 ♗e7 11.O-O-O b5 12.f4 ♕c7 13.♔b1N (13.♘d5) 13...♖b8 14.h3 h4 15.♕e1 b4 16.♘d5 ♘xd5 17.exd5 ♗xd5 18.♗xe7 ♔xe7 19.g3 Giri,A (2777)-Duda,J (2756) chess24.com (Int.-m/ 1-rapid) 151/(82) 2021 (19.g3 hxg3 20.♕xg3 ♘f6 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.♖de1 ♖h5∞)

**7.g4 ♗g7 8.g5 ♘fd7 9.♗e3 b5**

9...♘c6 10.♕d2 ♘c5 11.O-O-O ♗d7 12.f4±

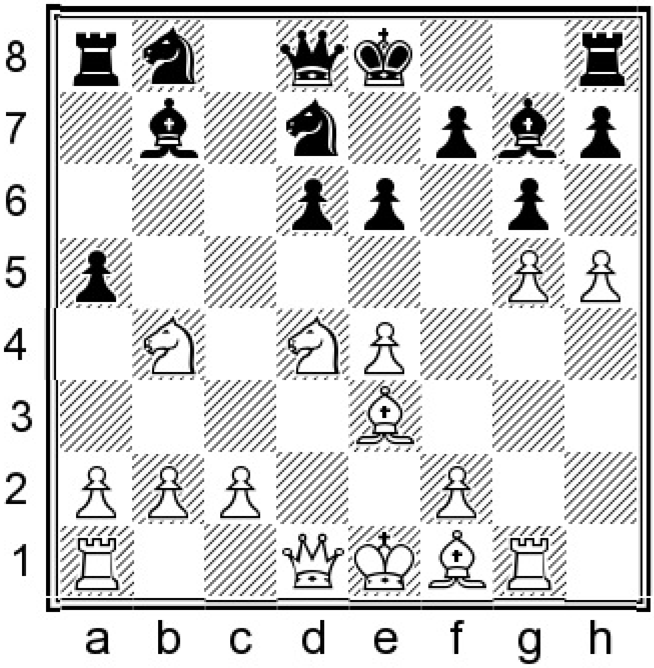
**10.h4 b4N**

10...♗b7 11.h5 ♘c6 12.h6 ♗xd4 13.♗xd4 O-O 14.♗e2 ♖c8 15.a3±

**11.♘d5 e6 12.♘xb4 ♗b7 13.h5**

13.f3?! h5! 14.♕d2 (14.gxh6 ♕xh4+ 15.♗f2 ♕xh6∓) 14...O-O 15.♗e2 a5 16.♘d3 ♘c6⩱

**13...a5**



**14.h6! ♗xd4**

14...♗e5 15.♘d3 ♗xd4 (15...♗xe4 16.♘xe5 ♘xe5 (16...dxe5 17.♘b5 O-O 18.♘c3 ♗f5 19.♕d6+-) 17.♗b5+ ♔e7 18.f4 ♘ec6 19.♕d2±) 16.♗xd4 O-O 17.f3±

**15.♕xd4 ♘e5 16.♗b5+! ♔e7**

16...♘bd7 17.O-O-O axb4 18.♕xd6+-

**17.O-O-O+- ♕c7 18.f4 1-0**

**83. B90**
**Moroni, Luca Jr (2580) - Smirin, Ilia (2616)**
**Terme Catez 151/83, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h4 ♘c6 7.h5 e5**

7...h6 - 134/68

**8.♘b3 ♗e7N**

8...h6; 8...♗e6

**9.♗e2 ♗e6 10.♗f3**

10.h6 g6 11.O-O O-O 12.♗e3 ♖c8=

**10...a5 11.a4 ♘b4 12.h6 g6 13.♗g5 ♖c8 14.O-O O-O 15.♖e1 b6 16.♘d2?!**

16.♘c1 ♘d7 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♕d2 ♖fd8 19.♘d3 ♘xd3 (19...♘c6 20.♘b5 ♘c5∞) 20.cxd3 ♘c5∞

**16...♘d7**

16...♘e8! 17.♗xe7 (17.♗e3? f5 18.exf5 gxf5-+) 17...♕xe7 18.♘f1 ♕h4 19.♖c1 (19.♕c1 f5∓) 19...♕xh6 20.♘b5 ♕g5∓

**17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♘f1 f5**

18...♘c5 19.♕e2 ♖fd8=

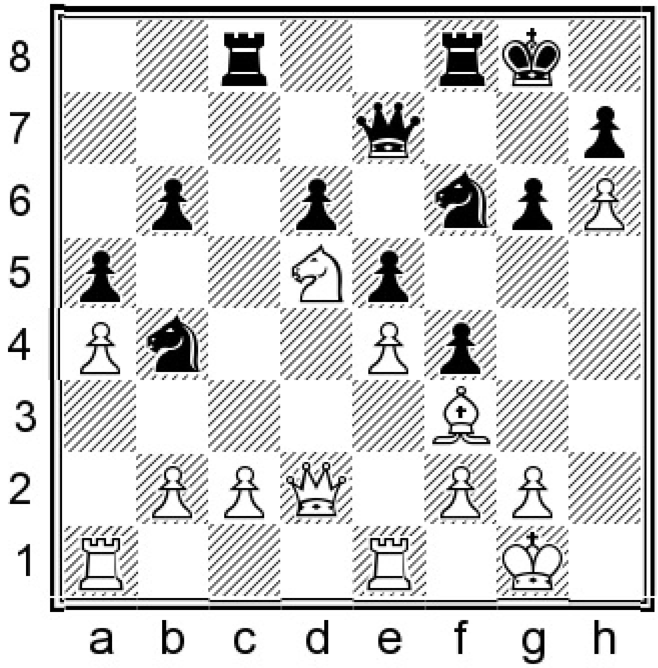
**19.♘e3?!**

19.♖e2 ♘f6 20.♖d2 ♖fd8 21.♘e3 ♖c5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.♘cd5 ♘bxd5 24.♘xd5 ♗xd5 25.♗xd5+ ♔h8 26.♖a3 e4∞

**19...♘f6 20.♕d2?!**

20.exf5 gxf5 21.♘cd5 ♘fxd5 22.♘xd5 ♗xd5 23.♗xd5+ ♔h8 24.c3 ♘xd5 25.♕xd5 f4∓

**20...f4 21.♘ed5 ♗xd5 22.♘xd5**



**22...♘bxd5!**

22...♘fxd5 23.c3! ♘c2 24.♕xc2 ♘f6 25.♖ed1 g5∓

**23.exd5 g5 24.b4**

24.♗e4 ♘xe4 25.♖xe4 ♕c7 26.c3 ♖f6-+

**24...♔h8**

24...g4 25.♗d1 ♕f7 26.bxa5 bxa5 27.♕xa5 ♕g6 28.♕b4 ♕xh6 29.♖a3 (29.a5 g3-+) 29...♖fd8 30.a5 e4-+

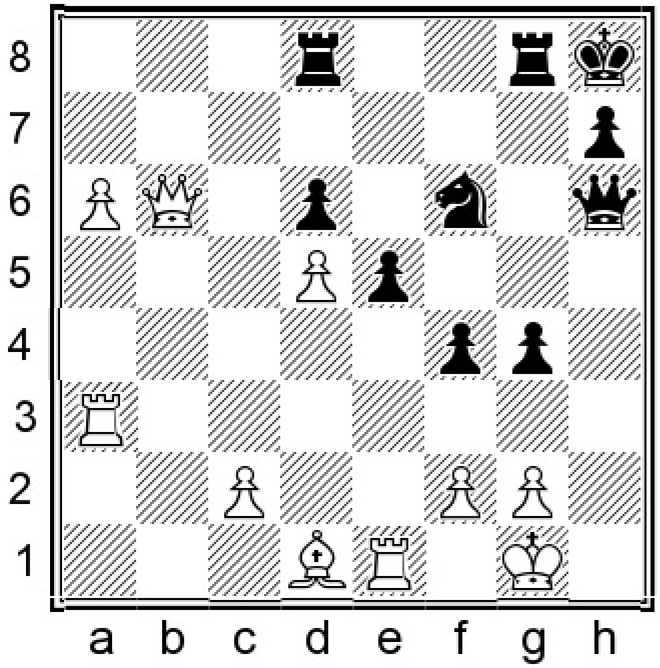
**25.bxa5 bxa5 26.♕xa5**

26.g4 ♕d7 27.♕xa5 e4-+

**26...g4 27.♗d1 ♖g8 28.♖a3 ♕f8 29.♕b6 ♖d8**

29...♕xh6 30.♕xd6 g3 31.fxg3 fxg3 32.♗h5 ♖cf8-+

**30.a5 ♕xh6 31.a6**



**31...f3! 32.a7 ♘xd5 33.♕c6 ♘f4**

33...♕d2! 34.♖f1 fxg2 35.♔xg2 g3-+

**34.g3**

34.a8=♕ fxg2-+

**34...♘h3+ 35.♔f1 ♘g5 36.♔g1 ♕h3 37.♖xf3 gxf3 38.♗xf3 ♘xf3+ 39.♕xf3 ♖df8 0-1**

**84. * B90**
**Movsesian, Sergei (2627) - Navara, David (2691)**
**Riga 151/84, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.a4 e5 7.♘f3 ♗e7 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.♗xf6 ♗xf6 10.♘d5 ♘d7 11.♗c4 ♖c8 12.b3**

12.♕e2 - 147/70

**12...♘b6 13.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 14.♗xe6 ♕xe6 15.O-O O-O 16.♕d3N**

16.c4 - 151/(84) 16...♘d7 17.♘d2N (17.♖e1) 17...♘c5 18.♖e1 f5 19.exf5 (19.♕c2 fxe4 20.♘xe4 d5 21.cxd5 ♕xd5 22.♘xc5 ♖xc5 23.♕b2 ♖f4=) 19...♕xf5 20.f3 ♘d3 21.♖f1 ♖fd8 22.♘e4 ♘f4 23.♖a2 d5 24.cxd5 ♖xd5 25.♖d2 ♖cd8= 26.♖xd5 ♖xd5 27.♕c2 ♕d7 28.♖c1 h6 29.♕c8+ ♔h7 30.♕xd7 ♖xd7

31.♔f1 1/2 (31) Firouzja,A (2770) -Vachier Lagrave,M (2763) Riga 151/(84) 2021

**16...♘d7 17.♖ad1 ♘c5**

17...♖c6 18.♖fe1 ♘c5 19.♕e2 (19.♕e3 b5=) 19...h6=

**18.♕xd6 ♕xd6**

18...f6 19.♖fe1 ♕xd6 20.♖xd6 ♖fd8 21.♖b6±

**19.♖xd6 ♘xe4 20.♖b6 f6=**

20...♖xc2 21.♘xe5 f6 22.♘f3 ♘c5 23.b4 ♘xa4 24.♖xb7 ♖f7=

**21.c4**

21.♖xb7 ♖xc2 22.♖a7 ♖b8 23.♖xa6 h5!∓

**21...♖fd8 22.h3?!**

22.♖xb7 ♘c5 23.♖b6 ♖b8 24.♖c6 ♘xb3 25.♖xa6 ♖a8 26.♖xa8 ♖xa8 27.♖b1 ♖xa4=

**22...♖d7**

22...♖c7 23.a5 ♔f7 24.♖e1 ♘c5 25.g4 ♘e6∓

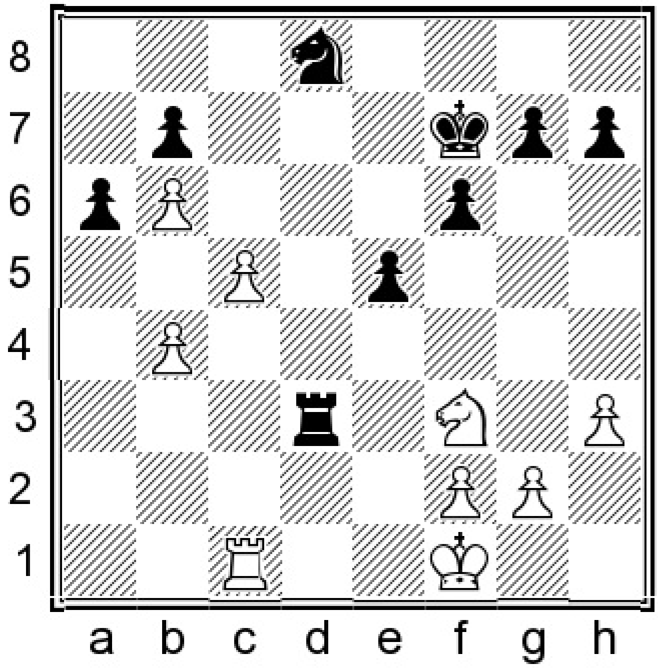
**23.a5 ♖c6 24.♖e1**

24.♖xc6 bxc6 25.♖b1 ♖d3 26.b4 ♔f7∓

**24...♖xb6 25.axb6 ♘c5 26.b4 ♘e6**

26...♘d3 27.♖b1 ♔f7 28.♔f1 ♔e6 29.♘e1 e4∓

**27.♖c1 ♔f7 28.♔f1 ♖d3 29.c5 ♘d8**



**30.♘e1! ♖b3 31.♖d1 ♔e8 32.♘c2 ♖b2 33.♘e3 ♖xb4 34.♘f5 g6 35.♘d6+ ♔e7 36.♘c8+ ♔e8 37.♘d6+ ♔f8 38.♘xb7! ♘xb7 39.c6 ♔e8**

39...♖xb6 40.c7 ♖c6 41.♖d8+ ♔e7 42.c8=♕ ♘xd8=

**40.cxb7 ♖xb6 41.♖d6 ♖b1+ 42.♔e2 ♖xb7 43.♖xa6 ♔f7 44.h4 ♔g7 45.g3 f5 46.♔f1 e4 47.♔g2 ♖b2 48.♖a7+ ♔h6 49.♖a3 ♔h5 50.♖c3 ♔g4 51.♖c4 ♖e2 52.♖c5 ♖d2**

52...e3 53.♖c4+ ♔h5 54.♔f3 ♖xf2+ 55.♔xe3=

**53.♖c4 ♖a2 54.♖b4 ♖d2 55.♖c4= h6 56.♖a4 ♖e2 57.♖a6 ♔h5 58.♖a5 ♔g4 59.♖a6 g5 60.hxg5 hxg5 61.♖a4 ♖d2 62.♖b4 ♔h5 63.♔f1 ♖d6 64.♔g2 ♖e6 65.♔f1 ♖e8 66.♖a4 ♖e6 67.♖b4! ♔g6 68.♖a4 ♖e5 69.♖a6+ ♔h5 70.♖a4 e3 71.fxe3 ♖xe3 72.g4+ fxg4 73.♔g2**

73.♔f2 ♖e8 74.♖a6=

**73...♔h4 74.♖a2 ♖d3 75.♖b2 ♖d4 76.♖a2 g3 77.♖a8! ♔g4 78.♖b8 ♖d2+ 79.♔g1 ♖e2 80.♖a8 g2 81.♖a3 ♔f4 82.♖b3 ♖e3 83.♖xe3 ♔xe3 1/2-1/2**

**85. B90**
**Firouzja, Alireza (2770) - Saric, Ivan (2665)**
**Terme Catez 151/85, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 g6 7.g4 ♘c6 8.♗e3 ♘xd4 9.♕xd4 ♗g7 10.O-O-O O-O**

10...♗e6 - 149/75

**11.♕b4**

11.e5 ♘d7 12.f4 dxe5 13.fxe5 (13.♕b4 exf4 14.♗xf4 e6 15.♗d6 ♖e8 16.♗g2 ♕b6∞) 13...♗xe5

14.♕b4 ♖b8 15.♗a7 ♖a8 16.♗f2 a5 17.♕b3 e6∞

**11...a5N**

11...b5 12.e5 ♘e8 13.♗g2 ♖b8 14.♗a7 a5! 15.♕d4 ♗b7 16.♗e4 (16.♗xb8?! ♗xg2∓) 16...b4 17.♘a4 ♗xe4 18.♕xe4 ♖b5∞

**12.♕a3**

12.♕b6 ♕xb6 13.♗xb6 ♗e6 14.♗b5 ♖fc8∞

**12...♗d7 13.e5**

13.f3 ♗c6 14.♔b1 (14.e5?! ♘d7 (14...♘e8 15.exd6 ♘xd6∓) 15.exd6 exd6 16.♘e4 d5∓) 14...♕b8 (14...♘d7 15.♗e2 ♕c7∞) 15.g5 ♘d7 16.♘b5 ♖c8∞

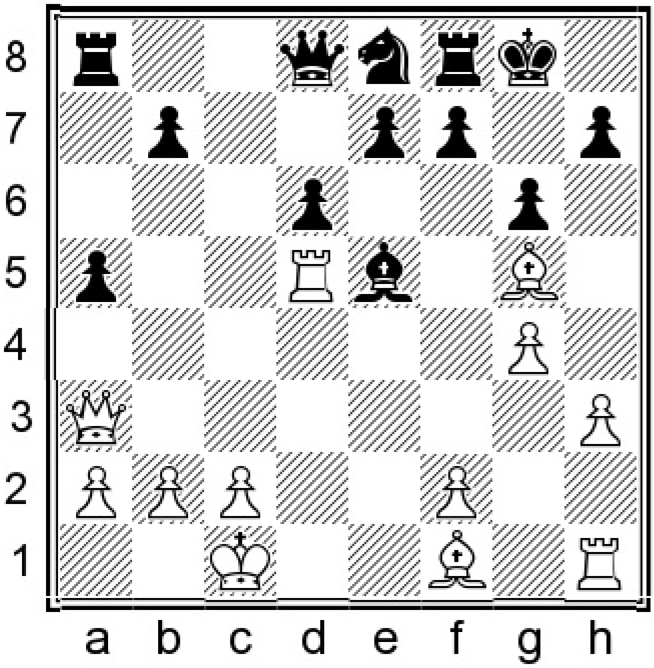
**13...♘e8 14.♘d5**

14.exd6 ♘xd6 15.♘d5 ♗c6 16.♗g2 ♖e8 17.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 18.♗xc6 ♘c4 19.♕xe7 ♖xe7 20.♗g5 ♗xb2+ (20...♖e5 21.♗xb7 ♖b5 22.♖d7 ♗xb2+ 23.♔d1 ♖a7 24.♖d8+ ♔g7 25.♗d5 ♘b6∞) 21.♔b1 ♖c7 22.♗b5 ♗g7∞

**14...♗c6 15.♗g5**

15.exd6 ♘xd6 - 14.ed6

**15...♗xd5 16.♖xd5 ♗xe5**



16...♕c7!? 17.♗g2 (17.exd6?! ♘xd6 18.♖c5 ♕d7∓) 17...e6 18.♖d2 ♗xe5 19.f4 ♗g7 20.f5 ♗e5∞

**17.♖xe5!? dxe5 18.♗xe7 ♕d5 19.♖g1 ♕d4 20.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 21.fxe3 ♘c7 22.♗xf8 ♔xf8= 23.♗g2 ♖b8 24.♖d1 ♔e7 25.g5 b6 26.h4 ♖d8 27.♖xd8 ♔xd8 28.c4 ♔e7 29.♔c2 f6 30.gxf6+ ♔xf6 31.♔b3 ♔e6**

**32.♔a4 1/2-1/2**

**86. B90**
**Eljanov, Pavel (2680) - Delgado Ramirez, Neuris (2588)**
**Sharjah 151/86, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f4 ♘c6**

8...b5 - 150/76

**9.f5 ♗xb3 10.axb3 d5 11.exd5 ♘d4 12.♗g5 h6N**

12...♗b4

**13.♗xf6 ♕xf6 14.♕d3**

14.♕d2 ♗b4 15.♗d3 ♕b6 16.♖a4 O-O-O 17.♕f2 ♔b8∞

**14...♕xf5 15.O-O-O O-O-O 16.g4**

16.♔b1 ♔b8 17.♘e4 ♖xd5 18.g4 ♕g6 19.♗g2 ♖d8 20.♕g3 ♕e6∞

**16...♕xd3 17.♗xd3 ♗e7 18.♖hf1**

18.♔b1 h5 19.♖hf1 f6 20.g5 ♔c7 21.gxf6 gxf6∞

**18...♖hf8 19.♔b1 ♗h4**

19...♔c7 20.♖fe1 ♗d6 21.h4 (21.♘e4 ♗e7 22.♘c3=) 21...h5 22.g5 f5 23.gxf6 gxf6 24.♘e4 ♗e7∞

**20.b4 ♗e7 21.♘a4**

21.♖fe1 ♗xb4 22.♖xe5 ♔c7 23.♖e4 ♗xc3 24.bxc3 ♘b5 25.♗xb5 axb5=

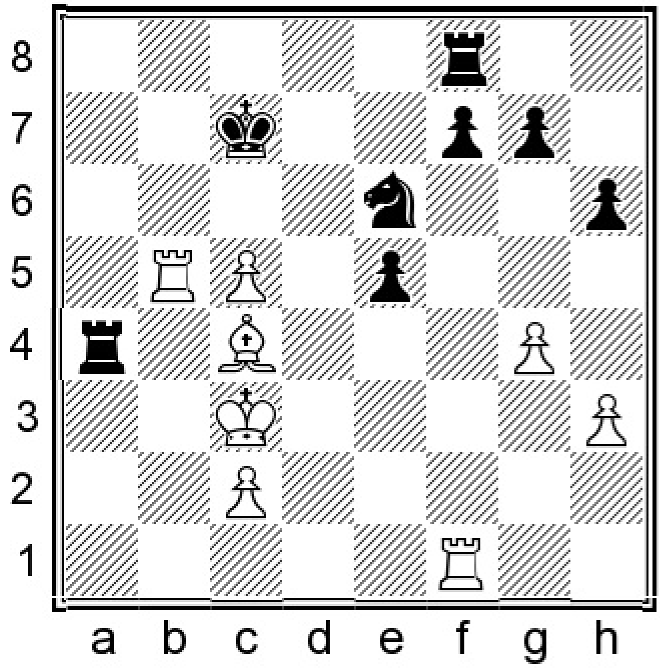
**21...b5 22.♘c5 ♗xc5 23.bxc5 ♖xd5 24.b4 ♘e6 25.♔b2**

25.♗f5 ♖fd8 26.♖xd5 ♖xd5 27.♗xe6+ fxe6 28.♖f8+ ♔d7 29.♖f7+ ♔d8 30.♖xg7 e4 31.♖g6 ♔e7 32.c6 ♖d1+ 33.♔b2 ♔d6 34.c7 ♔xc7 35.♖xe6 ♖h1=

**25...a5 26.♖a1 ♖d4!**

26...axb4 27.♗f5 ♖fd8 28.c6 ♔c7 29.♗xe6 fxe6 30.♖a6±

**27.♖xa5 ♖xb4+ 28.♔c3 ♖a4 29.♖xb5 ♔c7 30.♗c4**



**30...♘d8?**

30...♘d4! 31.♖b6 ♖a3+ 32.♔d2 (32.♔b4 ♘xc2+ 33.♔b5 ♘d4+ 34.♔b4 ♘c2+=) 32...♘f3+ 33.♔e2 ♘d4+=; 30...♔c6! 31.♖b6+ ♔xc5 32.♖b5+ ♔d6 (32...♔c6 33.♖xe5 ♖c8=) 33.♖b6+ ♔c5=

**31.♖b6+- ♖a3+**

31...♖a8 32.♗d5 ♖a4 33.♔b3+-

**32.♔b4 ♖a7 33.♗b5 ♖b7 34.♖d1 1-0**

**87. ** B90**
**Mukherjee, Ajoy K - Jose Queralto, Daniel**
**corr 151/87, 2021**

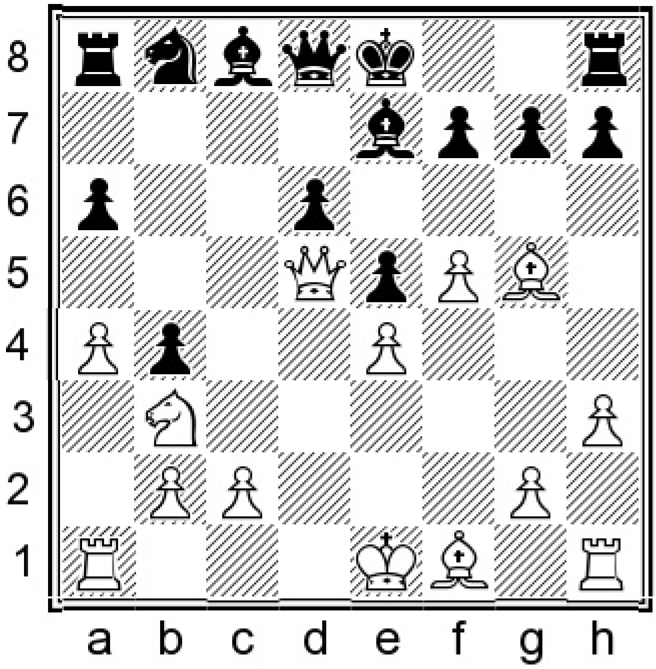
**1.♘f3 c5 2.e4 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f4 b5 9.f5 ♗c8 10.♗g5 ♗e7N**

10...♘bd7 - 150/76

**11.a4** - 151/87

11.♗xf6N ♗xf6 12.♕d3 ♗g5 13.g3 ♗b7 14.h4 ♗e7 15.O-O-O h5 (15...♘d7 16.g4 ♗xh4 17.♕xd6 ♗e7 18.♕d3 ♖c8 19.♔b1 h6∞) 16.f6!? ♗xf6 17.♕xd6 ♕xd6 18.♖xd6 ♖a7 (18...♗e7 19.♖b6 ♗c6 20.♘a5 ♖h6 21.♘d5 ♗d8 22.♘xc6 ♘xc6 23.♖b7 ♖a7 24.♖xa7 ♘xa7=) 19.♗h3 ♗e7 20.♖d3 ♖h6 21.♖hd1 ♗c6 22.♘d5 a5 23.♘xe7 ♔xe7= Daubenfeld,N-Olofsson,D corr 151/(87) 2021

**11...b4 12.♘d5 ♘xd5 13.♕xd5**



**13...♗xg5!**

13...♖a7 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.O-O-O±

**14.♕xa8 ♕b6 15.♕d5** - 151/87

15.h4N O-O! (15...♗f4 16.♖h3 O-O 17.a5 ♕c7 18.♕d5 ♗b7 19.♕d3 ♘c6 20.♖f3±) 16.♕d5 ♕e3+ 17.♔d1 ♗f4 18.♕d3 ♕a7 19.♕xd6 ♗b7 20.♕xb4 ♕f2 21.♕e1 ♖d8+ 22.♗d3 ♕xg2 23.♖g1 ♕h2 24.♘c5 ♗a8∞ Biedermann, T-Perez Lopez,A corr 151/(87) 2021

**15...♘d7=∞ 16.♗e2 ♘f6**

16...♗h4+ 17.♔d1 O-O 18.a5 ♕f2 19.♗f3 ♘f6 20.♕d2 ♕g3 21.♕e1 (21.♕xb4 d5 22.♖a3 dxe4 23.♗xe4 ♕g5 24.♘d2 ♘xe4 25.♕xe4 ♗xf5 26.♕e2 h5=∞) 21...♕g5 22.♕d2 ♕g3=

**17.a5**

17.♕d3?! O-O 18.a5 ♕a7 19.h4 ♗e3∓

**17...♕e3**

17...♕c7 18.♕c4 ♗h4+ 19.♔d1 ♕xc4 20.♗xc4 ♘xe4 21.♖f1 ♔e7 22.♖a4 ♘g3 23.♖f3 d5! 24.♗xd5 ♖d8 25.♖d3 e4 26.♗xe4 ♘xe4 27.♖xd8 ♔xd8 28.♖xb4 ♗xf5 29.♘d4 ♗d7 30.♘b3 ♗c6 31.♘d4 ♗d7=

**18.♕d3 ♘xe4 19.♕xe3 ♗xe3 20.♖f1 ♘c5 21.♘xc5 ♗xc5 22.♗f3 h5 23.c3 ♔e7 24.♗c6 ♗d7 25.♗xd7 ♔xd7 26.♖f3 ♖b8 27.♖g3 bxc3**

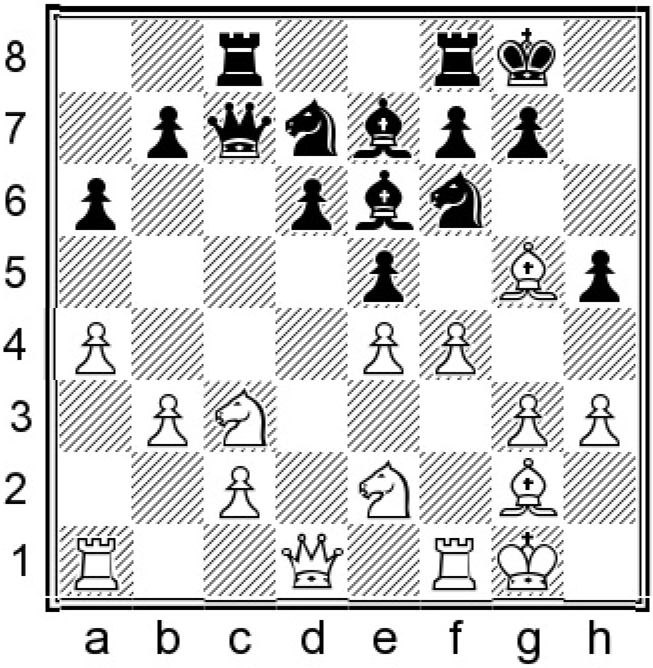
27...bxc3 28.bxc3 ♔e7 29.♖xg7 e4=

**1/2-1/2**

**88. * !N B90**
**Vucinic, Gojko (2349) - Damljanovic, Branko (2504)**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2 h5 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.g3 ♗e7**

9...♘bd7 10.a4 ♕c7 11.♗g2 ♖c8 12.O-O ♗e7 13.b3 O-O 14.f4



14...♘b8!N (14...exf4 15.gxf4 ♘b8 16.♔h1±) 15.♔h1 b5 16.axb5 1/2 (16) Szabo,G (2531)-Miron,L (2512) Romania 151/(88) 2021 (16.axb5 axb5 17.f5 (17.♘xb5 ♕xc2=) 17...♗d7=)

**10.♗g2 ♘bd7 11.a4 ♖c8**

11...O-O - 117/ 74

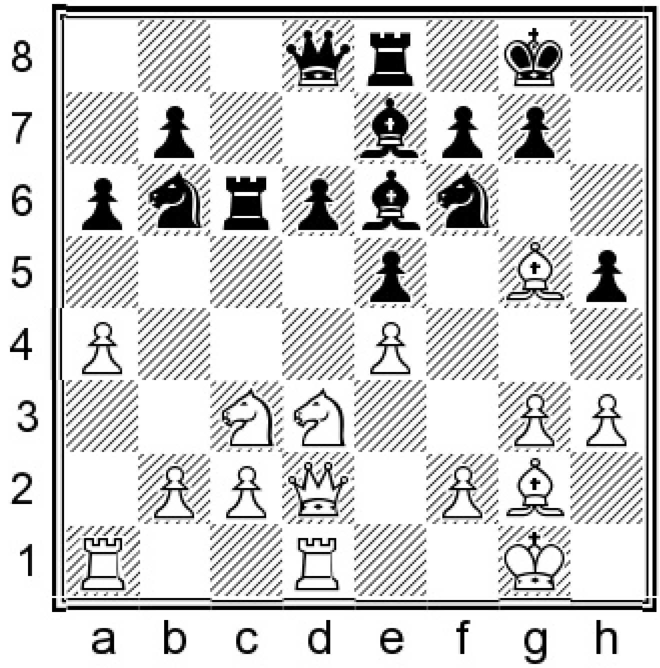
**12.♕d2 O-O 13.O-O ♖e8**

13...♕c7; 13...b5

**14.♖fd1 ♖c6 15.♘c1N**

15.b3 ♕c8! 16.♖a2 (16.f4 exf4 17.gxf4 ♘f8 18.f5 ♗d7∓) 16...♗d8 17.a5 b5 (17...♖c5 18.♖da1 ♖c6 19.♔h2 ♘h7 20.♗xd8 ♕xd8∞) 18.axb6 ♗xb6 19.♘d5 ♗xd5 20.exd5 ♖c7∞

**15...♘b6 16.♘d3?!**



16.♘1e2 ♘c4 17.♕c1 ♕c8 18.♔h2 ♗d8∞

**16...♕c8! 17.♘b4**

17.♔h2? ♘c4 18.♕c1 ♘xb2-+

**17...♖c4 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♘bd5 ♘xd5 20.♘xd5 ♗xd5 21.♕xd5 ♖xc2∓ 22.b4**

22.h4 ♗d8 23.a5 (23.♕xd6 ♗a5 24.b4 ♗c7 25.♕d3 ♗b6 26.♖d2 ♖c3-+) 23...♖xb2∓

**22...h4 23.g4 ♖e6**

23...♗d8!? 24.♕xd6 ♗c7 25.♕d3 ♗b6 26.♖d2 ♖c3 27.♕e2 ♖e6 28.♖f1 ♗d4∓

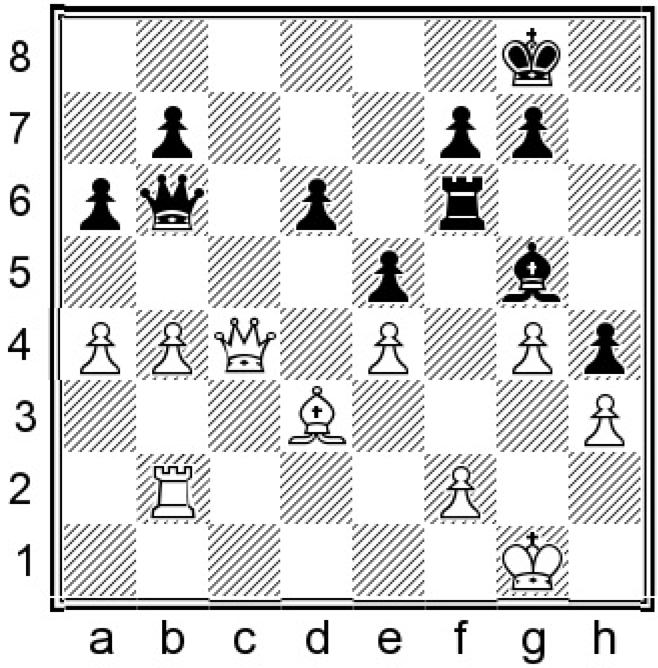
**24.♗f1 ♗g5 25.♗d3 ♖b2?!**

25...♖c3 26.♕a2 g6 27.♕b2 ♖f6 28.♕e2 ♖f4 29.♖a2 ♗d8-+

**26.♖ab1 ♖xb1 27.♖xb1 ♖f6 28.♕c4?!**

28.♗c4 ♕c7 29.♔g2 g6 30.♖b2=

**28...♕d8 29.♖b3 ♕b6 30.♖b2**



**30...a5**

30...♗e3! 31.♔g2 (31.fxe3? ♕xe3+ 32.♔h2 ♕g3+ 33.♔h1 ♕xh3+ 34.♔g1 ♕e3+ 35.♔h2 ♕g3+ 36.♔h1 ♕e1+ 37.♔g2 h3+ 38.♔h2 ♖f3-+) 31...♗d4 32.♖e2 ♖f4 (32...♗xf2? 33.g5 ♖g6 (33...♖f4 34.g6+-) 34.♖xf2 ♖xg5+ 35.♔f1 ♕e3 36.♕xf7+ ♔h7 37.♕f3 ♕c1+ 38.♔e2 ♕b2+ 39.♔e3 ♕d4+ 40.♔e2 ♕b2+=) 33.f3 g6 34.♕b3 a5 35.b5 ♔g7∓

**31.♔g2 g6**

31...axb4! 32.♖e2 g6 33.♗c2 ♔g7 34.♗b3 ♖f4∓

**32.♕b5 ♕xb5?**

32...♕d4 33.bxa5 ♗e3! 34.fxe3 ♕xe3 35.♗f1 ♕xe4+ 36.♔g1 ♕d4+ 37.♔g2 d5∓

**33.♗xb5= axb4 34.♖xb4 ♗d2 35.♖c4 ♗a5 36.♖c8+ ♔g7 37.♗c4 ♗b4 38.♗d5 b6 39.♖c7 1/2-1/2**

**89. B90**
**De Carlos Arregui, Inigo - Pessoa, Francisco Azevedo**
**corr 151/89, 2020**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 ♘h5 13.♘d5 ♗xd5 14.exd5 f6 15.gxf6 ♗xf6 16.♘a5 ♕e8 17.♕b4 ♗e7 18.♗d3**

18.♘c6 - 149/(72)

**18...♘f4 19.♗e4 ♖f7**

19...♘g2= 20.♗d2 ♘c5

**20.♘c6 ♘f6N**

20...♗f8 21.♕d2 g6 22.h4 ♘f6 23.♔b1 ♕d7 24.♖dg1 ♘6h5 25.♖h2 ♔h8 26.a3 ♗g7 27.♔a2 ♖ff8 28.♖c1 ♘g3=

**21.♖hf1**

21.♔b1 ♘xe4 22.fxe4 ♕d7 23.c4 bxc4 24.♕xc4 ♗d8 25.a3 ♕h3 26.♗d2 ♘d3 27.♕b3 ♘f2 28.♕xh3 ♘xh3 29.♖de1=

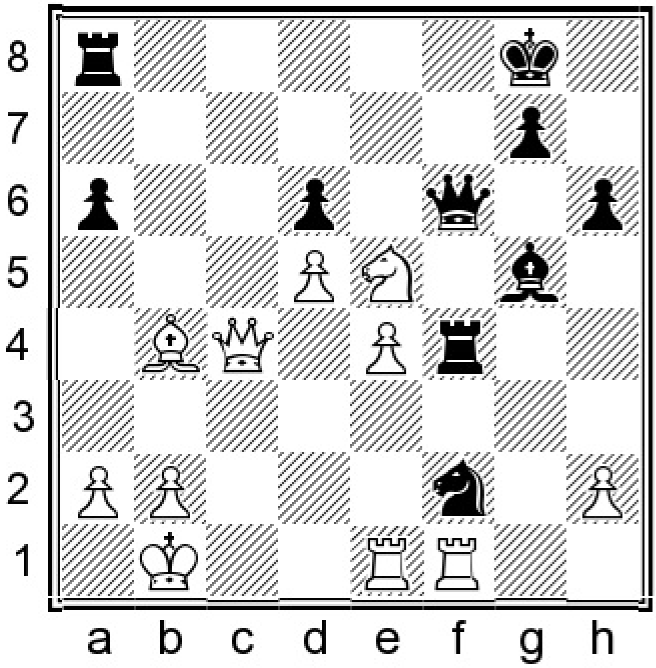
**21...♘d7?!**

21...♘xe4 22.fxe4 ♕d7 23.♔b1 ♗g5=

**22.♔b1± ♕f8 23.c4 bxc4 24.♕xc4 ♗g5 25.♗d2 ♘f6 26.♖g1 ♘xe4**

26...h6?! 27.♗c2 ♘h3 28.♗xg5 ♘xg1 29.♖xg1 hxg5 30.a3 ♘h7 31.♕d3 g6 32.♕xg6+ ♖g7 33.♕h5 a5 34.a4 ♖e8 35.♘xa5 ♘f6 36.♕h3 e4+-

**27.fxe4 h6 28.♗b4 ♘h3 29.♖gf1 ♘f2 30.♖de1 ♖f4 31.♘xe5 ♕f6**



**32.♘d3! ♘xd3 33.♕xd3 ♕g6 34.♗c3 ♖e8 35.♖xf4**

35.♕xa6? ♖fxe4 36.♖xe4 ♕xe4+ 37.♔a1 ♗f6=

**35...♗xf4 36.♕e2**

36.♕xa6?! ♖xe4 37.♔a1 ♖xe1+ 38.♗xe1 ♕e4 39.♕a5=

**36...♕g5 37.a4**

37.♕xa6 ♗xh2 38.a4 h5 39.♔a2 ♗e5 40.♕c6 ♖b8 41.♕c7 ♖a8 42.b3 h4 43.♔a3 ♕f6+-; 37.a3 ♗e5 38.♗xe5 ♕xe5 39.♕c2 ♕d4 40.♔a2 ♔h7 41.♖e2 a5 42.e5+ ♔g8 43.♕e4 ♕xe4 44.♖xe4 dxe5 45.♔b3 ♔f7+-

**37...♖a8**

37...♗e5 38.♗xe5 ♕xe5 39.♕xa6 ♕xh2 40.♔a2 h5 41.♕b5 ♖a8 42.♕c6 ♖b8+-

**38.e5**

38.♔a2 ♗e5 39.♗xe5 ♕xe5 40.♕c4 a5 41.♖e2 ♕f4 42.♖g2 ♖f8 43.♕c3 ♖f7 44.♖e2 ♕f1 45.♖c2 ♕f4 46.♕xa5 ♕xe4 47.♕a8+ ♔h7 48.♕c6 ♖f1 49.♕c4 ♕f5 50.b3 ♖f4 51.♕c6 h5+-

**38...dxe5**

⌓38...♕f5+ 39.♕c2 ♕xc2+ 40.♔xc2 dxe5±

**39.♕d3+- ♖d8 40.d6 ♕g4 41.♖d1**

41.♗xe5 ♗xe5 42.♖xe5 ♕xa4

**41...♖d7 42.h3 ♕e6 43.♕xa6 ♕f5+**

⌓43...♔f7 44.♕c6 ♕xh3

**44.♔a1 ♔h7 45.♕c6 ♗g3 46.♕b5 ♗f4 47.a5 ♕e6 48.♕d5 ♕f5 49.♔a2 ♕c2 50.♕d3+ ♕xd3 51.♖xd3 e4 52.♖d5 e3 53.b4 ♗g5 54.♔b3 ♗d8 55.b5 e2 56.a6 ♗f6 57.♗e1 ♗d8 58.♖e5 ♗f6 59.♖xe2 ♖xd6 60.a7 ♖d3+ 61.♔a4 ♖d1 62.b6 1-0**

**90. B90**
**Grischuk, Alexander (2775) - Navara, David (2676)**
**chess.com (ol-rapid) 151/90, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 ♘h5 13.♔b1 ♘b6 14.♘a5 ♖c8 15.♘d5 ♘xd5 16.exd5 ♗xd5 17.♕xd5 ♕xa5 18.c4 ♘f4 19.♗xf4 exf4 20.h4 ♖c5**

20...♕a4 - 149/74

**21.♕e4! ♕c7 22.♗d3 g6 23.cxb5 axb5 24.♖he1**

24.♕xf4 ♖c8 25.a3 ♗f8 26.♕d2 ♕a7 (26...♗g7 27.h5 ♕a7 28.♖h4 ♖d5 29.♖e4 gxh5 30.♖de1 ♖e5 31.♖b4 ♖xe1+ 32.♕xe1 ♕b7 33.♕d1 ♖c5⇄) 27.♗e4 ♕a4 28.h5 b4 29.♕xb4 ♕xb4 30.axb4 ♖b5 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.♖d4 ♗g7 33.♖xd6 ♖xb4 34.♖d2 ♖b5=∞

**24...♖e8**

24...♖e5 25.♕xf4 ♖c8 26.♖c1 ♕d8 27.♕d2 ♖xc1+ 28.♖xc1 ♖c5 29.♖e1 ♗f8 30.f4 ♕a8

**25.♕xf4 ♖c8 26.♕d2N**

26.♕e3 ♗f8 27.f4 b4 28.h5 ♕b7 (28...b3?! 29.axb3 ♕b7 30.♗c4 ♖a8 31.♕e4 ♕a7 32.♔c2±) 29.♗e2 ♖c3=

**26...d5**

26...♗f8 27.f4 ♕a7 28.♗e4 ♕a4 29.h5 ♗g7 30.♖e2 ♖c4 31.♖de1 gxh5 32.f5 ♗e5 33.g6 ♖d4∞

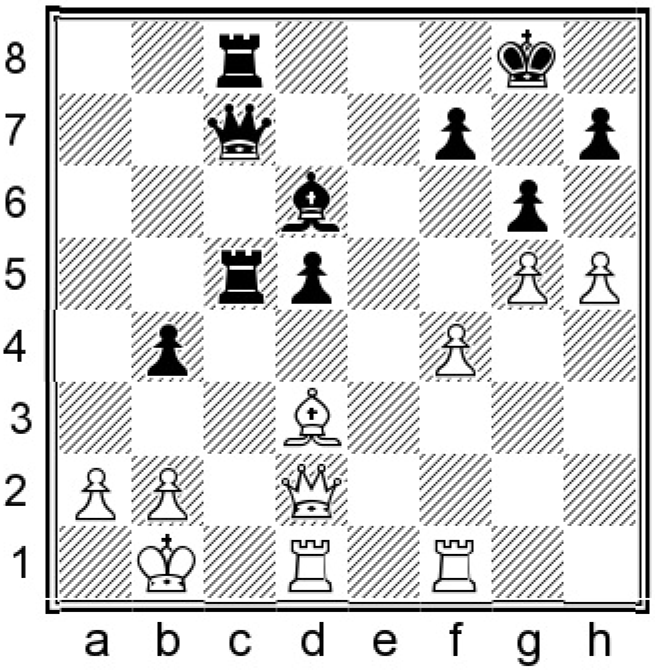
**27.f4**

27.h5 ♗d6 28.♕e3 d4 29.♕xd4 ♖xg5 30.hxg6 hxg6 31.♕f6 ♕d8 32.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 33.a3 ♔g7=

**27...♗d6 28.♖f1**

28.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 29.♕xc1 ♕xc1+ 30.♖xc1 ♖xc1+ 31.♔xc1 ♗xf4+ 32.♔c2 b4 33.♔b3 ♗d2 34.♗e2 ♗e1 35.h5 ♔g7 36.♗f3 gxh5 37.♗xh5 f6 38.gxf6+ ♔xf6 39.a4 bxa3 40.bxa3 ♔e5 41.♗f3=

**28...b4 29.h5**



**29...♕a7**

29...b3! 30.axb3 ♕a7 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.♖c1 ♖xc1+ (32...♖a8 33.♖xc5 ♗xc5 34.♗b5 ♕a2+ 35.♔c2 ♖b8 36.♗a4 ♗a3 37.♔d3 ♗xb2 38.♖f2 ♕b1+ 39.♕c2 ♕h1 40.♕xb2 ♕e4+ 41.♔d2 (41.♔c3 ♕e3+--+) 41...♕xa4 42.bxa4 ♖xb2+ 43.♔e3 ♖b3+ 44.♔d4 ♖b4+ 45.♔xd5 ♖xa4=) 33.♖xc1 ♖xc1+ 34.♕xc1 ♕d4 35.♕c8+ ♔g7 (35...♗f8 36.♗a6 ♕e4+ 37.♔a2 ♕xf4 38.♕d8 ♕d4 39.♕d7 ♕e5 40.♗b7 ♗d6 41.b4 ♗xb4 42.♗xd5 ♕f4 43.♔b3 ♗d6 44.♔a2 ♔g7 45.♗b3 ♗e5∓) 36.♕c3 ♕xc3 37.bxc3 ♗xf4 38.♗b5 ♗xg5 39.♗c6 d4 40.cxd4 ♗f6 41.d5 ♗e7 42.♔c2 f5 43.♔c3 g5 44.♔d4 ♔f6 45.♔e3 ♗c5+ 46.♔e2 g4∓

**30.hxg6 hxg6 31.b3 ♖a5?!**

31...♖c3 32.♗xg6 ♖a8 33.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 34.f5 ♖c5 35.♖de1 ♖e8 36.g6 ♖xe1+ 37.♕xe1 ♕e7 (37...♕f6 38.♕e8+ ♗f8 39.g7 ♔xg7 40.♖g1+ ♔h8 41.♖h1+ ♔g8 42.♖g1+=) 38.♕xe7 ♗xe7 39.f6 ♗d6 40.♖e1 ♖c8 41.♖e6 ♗c5 42.♔c2 ♖f8 43.♔d3 ♗f2 44.♖d6 ♗h4 45.f7+ ♔g7 46.♔d4 ♖c8 47.♖e6 ♔f8 48.♖d6 ♖a8 49.♖xd5 ♗e7 50.♖d7 ♖c8=; 31...♖a8! 32.a4 bxa3 33.♔a2 ♖b8 34.♖b1 ♖bc8 35.♕h2 ♖c3 36.♖fd1 ♕b6∓

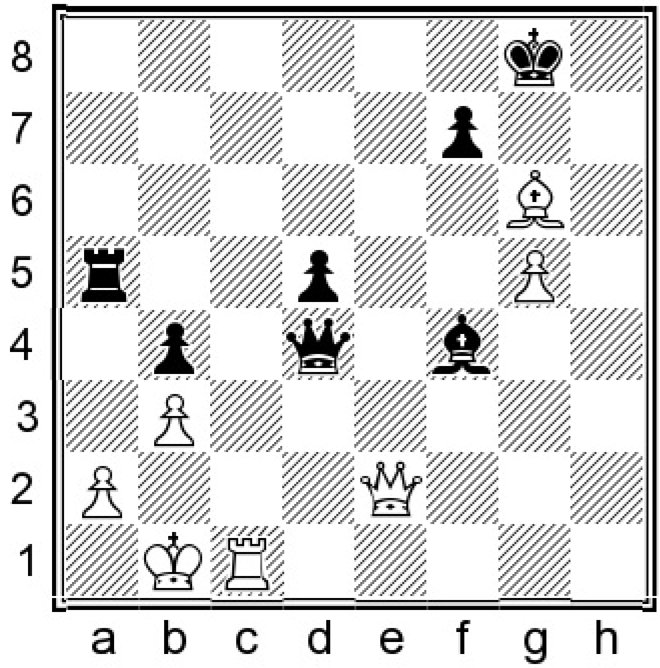
**32.♖c1**

32.♕b2! ♖c3 33.f5 gxf5 34.♖xf5 ♕e3 35.♕e2 ♕a7 36.♕b2=

**32...♖xc1+ 33.♖xc1 ♕d4 34.♕e2?**

34.♖f1 ♖c5 35.♖f2 ♔g7 36.♗c2 ♕xd2 37.♖xd2 ♗xf4 38.♖d4 ♗xg5 39.♖xb4 ♗e3∓

**34...♗xf4 35.♗xg6**



35.♖c8+ ♔g7 36.♕b2 ♕xb2+ 37.♔xb2 ♗xg5 38.♖b8 ♗e7 39.♖b7 ♔f6-+

**35...♔g7??**

35...♗e5 36.♗h7+ ♔g7 37.♗d3 ♕a1+-+

**36.♕h5??**

36.♖d1 ♕e3 37.♕xe3 ♗xe3 38.♗h5 d4 39.♖f1 ♖a7 40.♖f5 ♖d7 41.♖b5 d3 42.♖xb4 ♗xg5 43.♗f3=

**36...fxg6-+ 37.♕h6+ ♔f7 38.♕h7+ ♕g7 0-1**

**91. B90**
**Stearman, Josiah (2404) - Zhou, Jianchao (2605)**
**Charlotte 151/91, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 O-O 10.O-O-O ♘bd7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 ♘h5 13.♔b1 ♘b6 14.♘a5 ♕c7**

14...♖c8 - 149/(74)

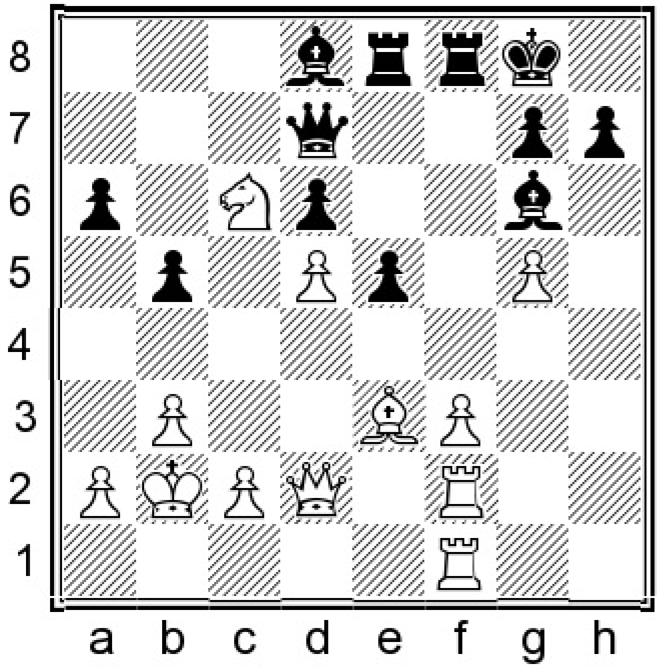
**15.♘d5 ♘xd5 16.exd5 ♗f5 17.♘c6 f6 18.h4 ♘g3 19.♖h2 ♘xf1 20.♖xf1 fxg5**

20...♖ae8 21.f4 (21.♖hf2 fxg5 22.hxg5 ♖f7 23.f4 exf4 24.♗xf4 ♕d7 25.♗e3 ♗f8 26.b3 ♗g6∞) 21...fxg5 22.hxg5 ♗g6 23.♖e1 exf4 24.♗xf4 ♗d8 25.♖xe8 ♖xe8

**21.hxg5 ♗g6 22.b3 ♖ae8**

22...♖f5 23.♖hf2 ♗e8∞

**23.♔b2 ♗d8 24.♖hf2 ♕d7**



24...♖f5!? 25.f4 exf4 26.♗xf4 (26.♖xf4 ♖xg5 27.♕f2 ♗f6+ 28.♗d4 ♖xd5 29.♗xf6 ♕xc6 30.♗xg7 ♔xg7 31.♖f7+ ♔g8 32.♖f8+ ♔g7 33.♕f6+ ♔h6 34.♖h1+ ♖h5 35.♕f4+ ♔g7=) 26...♕d7 27.♗e3 ♖xf2 28.♖xf2 a5 29.♗d4 ♖e4∞

**25.♖a1! ♕h3?!N**

25...♕b7 26.f4 exf4 27.♖xf4 ♕d7 28.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 29.a4 ♕f5 30.axb5 axb5 31.♕g2 ♗f7 32.♖f1 ♕g6 33.♕f3 ♔g8 34.♗d2±; 25...a5 26.♘xa5 (26.♖e1 a4 27.f4 exf4 28.♖xf4 h5! 29.gxh6 ♖xf4 30.♗xf4 ♗f6+ 31.c3 ♖xe1 32.♕xe1 ♕f5 33.♕e6+ ♕xe6 34.dxe6 gxh6 35.♗xh6 ♗e4=) 26...♗xa5 27.♕xa5 ♖a8 28.♕b4±

**26.a4! b4**

26...bxa4 27.♖xa4 a5 28.f4 exf4 29.♖axf4±

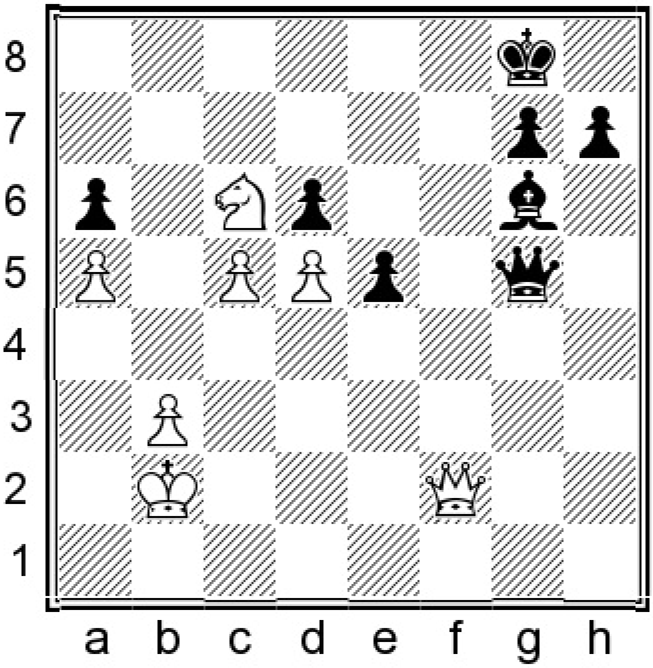
**27.a5 ♖xf3 28.♖xf3 ♕xf3 29.♘xb4 ♗e4 30.c4**

30.♗b6 ♕f4 31.♕c3 ♕xg5 32.♘xa6 ♗xd5 33.♗xd8 ♖xd8 34.♘c7 ♖c8 35.a6 ♗a8 36.♕b4±

**30...♖f8 31.♘c6 ♕g3 32.♖e1 ♗g6 33.♖e2 ♕g4 34.♖f2?!**

34.♔a3! ♖e8 35.♖g2 ♕h3 36.♖g1±

**34...♖xf2 35.♕xf2 ♗xg5 36.♗xg5 ♕xg5 37.c5**



**37...e4?**

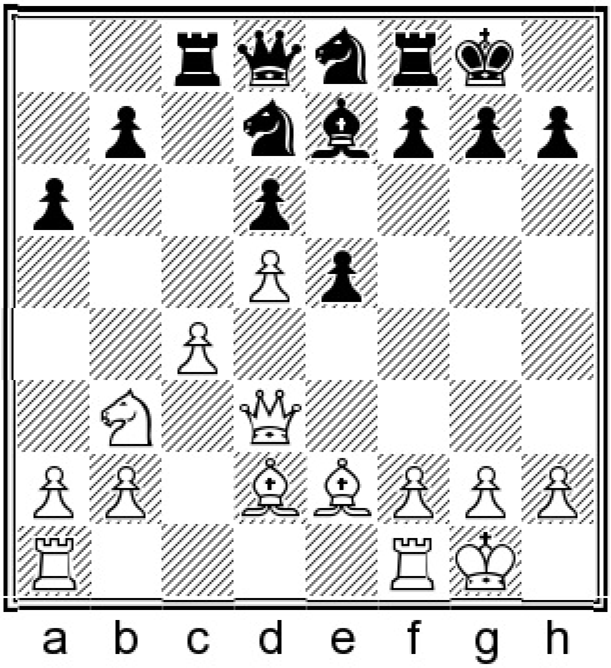
37...h5! 38.cxd6 ♗e8 39.b4 e4 40.b5 e3 41.♕f3 axb5 42.♕e4 ♗xc6 43.dxc6 ♕f6+ 44.♔b3 ♕xd6 45.♕e8+ ♔h7 46.♕xh5+ ♔g8 47.♕xb5 ♕d1+ 48.♔b2 ♕d2+=

**38.cxd6+- e3 39.♕f3 ♗f5 40.♘e7+ ♔f7 41.♘xf5 e2 42.♘d4+ 1-0**

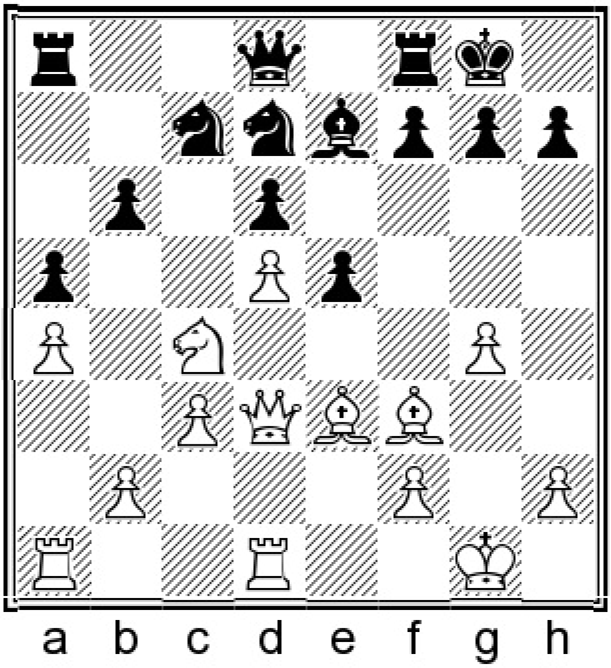
**92. ** !N B92**
**Lobanov, Sergei (2516) - Makarian, Rudik (2517)**
**Yerevan 151/92, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♕d3 ♗e6 10.♗d2 a5**

10...♘bd7 11.♘d5 ♗xd5 12.exd5 ♖c8 (12...♖e8 - 146/(88)) 13.c4 ♘e8



14.♘a5!N (14.♗c3) 14...♖c7 15.b4 f5 16.♖fd1 ♔h8 17.♖ac1 ♕c8 18.a4 e4 19.♕g3 ♗f6 20.c5± Grinberg,E (2492) -Martinez Alcantara,J (2615) New York 151/(92) 2022; 10...♕c7 11.♘d5 ♗xd5 12.exd5 a5N (12...♘e8) 13.a4 b6 14.♗e3 ♘a6 15.c3 ♕b7 16.♖fd1 ♘c7 17.♗f3 (17.c4?! ♘a6∓) 17...♘d7 18.g4 ♕c8 19.♘d2 ♕d8 20.♘c4



20...♘a6 (20...♘e8!= 21.♗e2 (21.♗e4 ♘ef6 (21...g6 22.♗h6 ♘g7∞) 22.♗f3 ♘e8=) 21...♗g5∞) 21.♔h1 h6 22.♕b1 ♖c8 23.♗e2 ♘ac5 24.♕c2 e4 25.♗f4± Bellahcene,B (2508)-Mammadzada,G (2470) Gibraltar 151/(92) 2022

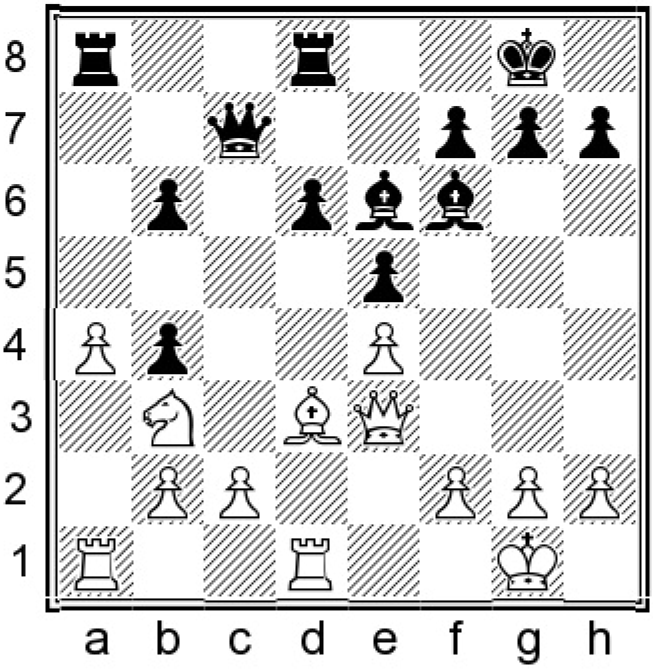
**11.a4 ♘a6 12.♘d5 b6N**

12...♗xd5 - 132/(99)

**13.♘xf6+**

13.f4 ♘xd5 14.exd5 ♗c8 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.♕g3 ♕d6∞; 13.c4 ♘xd5 14.cxd5 ♗d7=

**13...♗xf6 14.♖fd1 ♕c7 15.♗c3 ♖fd8 16.♕e3 ♘b4 17.♗xb4 axb4 18.♗d3**



**18...♕c6**

18...d5! 19.exd5 (19.♘d2 g6 20.b3 ♗e7∓) 19...♗xd5 20.g3 (20.♗e4? ♗xe4 21.♕xe4 ♖xa4!-+) 20...♕c6∓

**19.♘d2 h6 20.♕e2 ♗g5= 21.♗c4 ♗xd2**

21...d5 22.exd5 ♗xd5 23.♗xd5 ♖xd5 24.♘c4 ♖xd1+ 25.♖xd1 ♖xa4 26.♘xe5 ♕e6 27.♖e1=

**22.♗xe6 fxe6 23.♖xd2 ♖xa4 24.♖xa4 ♕xa4 25.h4 ♕a1+ 26.♔h2 ♕c1**

26...♕xb2 27.♕c4 ♕c3 28.♕xe6+ ♔h7 29.♕d5=

**27.♕e3 ♔h7 28.b3= ♖d7 29.h5 ♖d8 30.♕e2 ♖d7 1/2-1/2**

**93. * B92**
**Morovic Fernandez, Ivan (2510) - Yilmaz, Mustafa Enes (2626)**
**Riga 151/93, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♗e3**

9.♕d3 ♕c7 10.♗g5 ♗e6 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.♖fd1 (12.♘d5 - 39/(322)) 12...♗e7 13.♘d5 ♗xd5 14.♕xd5 ♘d7 15.♘d2 b5 16.c3N (16.c4 b4 17.g3 (17.♘f1 ♕a7 18.♘e3 ♘c5∞) 17...a5 18.♘f1 g6=) 16...♖ab8 17.♘f1 ♘b6 18.♕d3 ♘c4 19.♕c2 ♗g5 20.♗xc4 bxc4 21.b4 cxb3 22.axb3 ♖b6 23.♖d5 ♖fb8 24.♖a3 h5 25.h3 ♖b5 26.♖xb5 axb5= 27.♕d3 b4 28.cxb4 ♖xb4 29.♖a4 ♖b7 30.♖a6 ♕c5 31.♖xd6 ♖xb3 32.♕xb3 ♕xd6 1/2 (32) Kollars,D (2621)-Svidler,P (2694) Riga 151/(93) 2021

**9...♗e6 10.♕d2 ♘bd7 11.a4 ♘b6 12.a5 ♘c4 13.♗xc4 ♗xc4 14.♖fd1 ♖c8 15.♕e1**

15.♗b6 - 113(89)

**15...♕e8N**

15...♕c7 16.♘d2 ♗e6 17.♘f1 ♕c6 18.♗g5 h6 19.♗xf6 ♗xf6 20.♘e3 ♗g5=; 15...♖c6

**16.♘c1**

16.♗g5 ♘h5 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♘d2 ♗e6=

**16...♘g4 17.♗b6 f5! 18.h3**

18.f3 ♘f6 19.exf5 ♕d7 20.g4 ♕c6 21.♕e3 ♘d5 22.♘xd5 ♗xd5∓

**18...♘f6 19.exf5 ♕h5 20.b3 ♗f7 21.♘d3 ♕xf5∓ 22.♘b4**

22.♖a4 ♗e6 23.♘b4 ♕g6 24.♖d3 h6∓

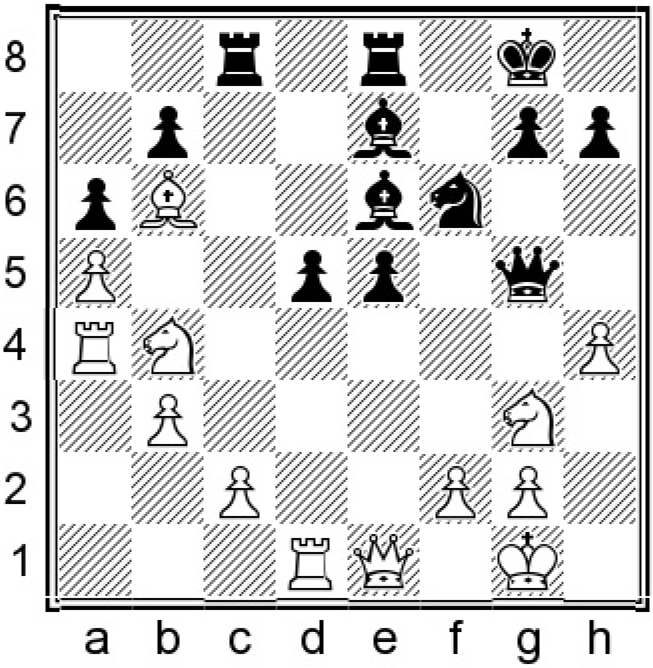
**22...♗e6 23.♘e2**

23.♖d3 h6 24.♖ad1 ♖f7 25.♖f3 ♕h5∓

**23...d5 24.♘g3 ♕g5 25.♖a4?!**

25.♘d3 ♘d7 26.♗d4 ♖xc2∓; 25.c4 dxc4 26.bxc4 ♗xc4 27.♖ab1 ♗b5∓

**25...♖fe8 26.h4**



**26...♕g6!**

26...♕xh4? 27.♘xd5 ♘g4 28.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 29.♘f1 ♖ee8 30.♖d2±

**27.♘d3 ♗d6-+ 28.h5 ♕f7 29.♘xe5 ♗xe5 30.♕xe5 ♗d7! 31.♕f4 ♗xa4 32.bxa4 h6 33.♗d4 ♖xc2 34.f3 ♖c6**

34...♖c4 35.♕f5 ♖e6

**35.♖b1 ♕c7 36.♕h4**

36.♕xc7 ♖xc7 37.♗xf6 gxf6 38.♘f5 ♖e5

**36...♖c1+ 37.♖xc1 ♕xc1+ 38.♔h2 ♕g5 39.♕xg5 hxg5 40.h6 ♔h7 41.hxg7 ♔g6 42.♔h3 ♖g8 43.♗xf6 ♔xf6 44.♔g4 d4 45.♘e4+ ♔xg7 46.♘xg5 d3 0-1**

### 94. B94
### Hyldkrog, Lars - Konstantinov, Maxim
### corr 151/94, 2021

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♕e2 h6 8.♗h4 g6 9.f4**

9.O-O-O e5 10.♘b3 b5 11.a3=

**9...e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.O-O-O ♕c7**

11...exd4? 12.e5! ♗c5 13.exf6+ ♔f8 14.♘e4+-

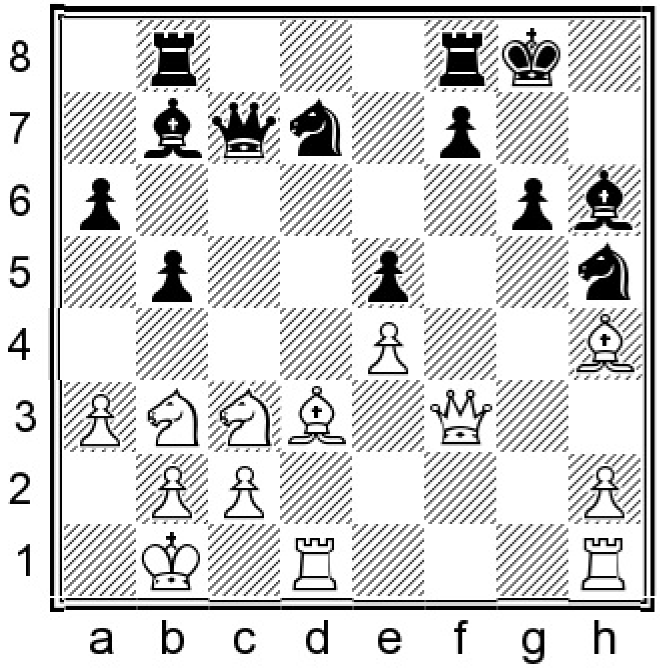
**12.♘b3 b5 13.♕f3 ♗g7 14.g4 O-O 15.a3 ♗b7**

15...♖b8 - 129/90

**16.♗d3 ♖ab8 17.g5**

17.♗f2 ♗c6 18.h4 h5 19.gxh5 ♘xh5 20.♘d5 ♗xd5 21.exd5 ♕d6 22.♔b1 f5 23.♗e2 ♖be8 24.♖hg1 e4 25.♕g2 ♘f4 26.♕h2 ♗xb2 27.♗d4 ♗xd4 28.♘xd4 ♖f6 29.h5 ♘f8 30.♘e6 ♖c8 31.♘xf4 ♕xa3 32.♘xg6 ♕b4+=

**17...♘h5 18.gxh6 ♗xh6+ 19.♔b1**



**19...♗g7!?N**

19...♘b6 20.♖hg1 ♘f4 21.♘e2 ♘xd3 22.♖xd3 ♗g7 23.♘c3 ♖bc8 24.♗g5 ♘a4 25.♕d1 ♘xc3+ 26.♖xc3=

**20.♗e7 ♖fe8 21.♗b4 ♘df6 22.♗a5 ♕c6 23.♖he1 ♘f4 24.h4 ♖bc8 25.♗f1 ♕e6 26.♕h1**

26.♕e3 ♗f8 27.♕a7 ♗a8 28.♗b4 ♗xb4 29.axb4 ♖e7 30.♕g1=

**26...♗a8 27.♖d2 ♖xc3 28.♗xc3**

28.bxc3 ♘xe4 29.♖xe4 ♕c6 30.c4 ♖c8 31.cxb5 axb5 32.♗g2 ♘xg2 33.♖ee2 ♘f4 34.♕xc6 ♗xc6 35.♖e1 f5 36.♗c3 ♗e4 37.♗b4 ♗f3∓

**28...♘xe4 29.♖xe4 ♕c6 30.♗g2**

30.♗d3 f5 31.♕g1 fxe4 32.♗e2 ♕f6 33.♘c5 ♕b6 34.b4 ♕f6 35.♗g4 ♘d5 36.♗b2=

**30...♘xg2 31.♖g4**

31.♖ee2 ♘f4 32.♕xc6 ♗xc6 33.♖e1∓

**31...♘e3 32.♕xc6 ♗xc6 33.♖g1 ♘d5 34.♗a5 ♗h6 35.♖dg2**

35.♖d3 e4 36.♖dg3 ♔h7 37.♘d4 ♗d7 38.b3 ♗c8 39.♖g5 ♗xg5 40.hxg5∓

**35...♔h7 36.♗d2**

36.♖f2 f5 37.h5 ♗e3 38.♖xg6 ♗xf2 39.♖xc6 ♗h4 40.♖xa6 f4 41.c4 bxc4 42.♘d2 e4 43.♖d6 ♖e5∓

**36...♘f4 37.♖h2**

37.♖f2 f5 38.♖g3 ♗a8 39.♘c5 ♘h5 40.♖g1 e4 41.♗xh6 ♔xh6 42.♖d2 e3 (42...♘f4 43.♖d6 e3 44.♘d3

♘g2 45.♔c1∓) 43.♖d6 ♘f4 44.♘d3 ♘g2 45.♖xa6 ♗e4 46.♔c1 b4 47.♘c5 bxa3 48.bxa3 ♘f4∓

**37...f5 38.♖d1**

38.♗c1 ♘e6 39.♖f2 ♗xc1 40.♔xc1 f4 41.♖d2 e4 42.♖d6 ♗a8 43.♔d2 e3+ 44.♔e2 ♖e7 45.♖g4 ♔h6 46.♘c1 ♔h5 47.♖g1 ♗e4∓

**38...♗f3 39.♖f1 ♗e2 40.♖e1 ♗g4 41.♗e3**

41.♗c1 e4 42.♖d2 ♖e7 43.♘c5 ♗f3 44.♖d6 ♘g2 45.♖f1 ♘xh4 46.♘e6 e3 47.♗xe3 ♗xe3 48.♘f8+ ♔h6 49.♘xg6 ♘xg6 50.♖xf3 f4 51.♖xf4 ♗xf4 52.♖xa6-+; 41.♗c3 e4 42.♖d2 e3 43.♖d7+ ♔g8 44.♘d4 ♗f8 45.♖g1 e2 46.♗e1 ♖e4 47.h5 ♗c5 48.♖d8+ ♔f7 49.hxg6+ ♔xg6 50.c3 ♘e6-+

**41...♘h5 42.♗g5 e4 43.♖g2 ♘f4 44.♖d2 ♗xg5 45.hxg5 ♘e6 46.♖d7+ ♔g8 47.♖d6 ♔f7 48.♖xa6 ♘xg5 49.a4**

49.♘c1 f4 50.♖g1 ♗c8 51.♖c6 f3 52.♖xg5 f2 53.♖cxg6 f1=♕ 54.♖g7+ ♔e6 55.♖5g6+ ♔d5 56.♖g1 ♕f2 57.♖7g2 ♕f8-+

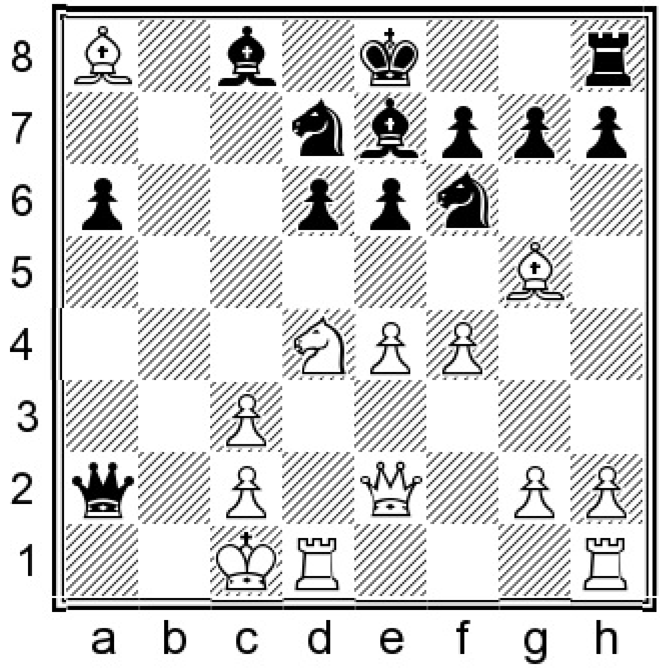
**49...bxa4 50.♘c5 f4 51.♖xa4 ♗f5 52.♘b7 ♔f6 53.♔c1 ♖e6 54.♘c5 ♖e7 55.♘a6**

55.♖a6+ ♔g7 56.♖a4 f3 57.♘d3 ♖c7 58.♔d1 exd3 59.cxd3 ♗xd3-+

**55...f3 56.♘b4 ♖d7 57.♖a3 ♘e6 58.♘a2 g5 59.♖ae3 ♘f4 60.♖f1 g4 61.♘c3 ♔e5 62.♖fe1 ♘g2 63.♖xe4+ ♗xe4 64.♖xe4+ ♔f5 65.♖e8 ♘f4 66.♘e4 ♘e2+ 67.♔b1 g3 68.♘xg3+ ♘xg3 69.♖f8+ ♔e4 70.c4 ♘f5 71.♖e8+ ♖e7 72.♖d8 f2 73.♖d1 ♔f4 74.♔a2 ♖e1 0-1**

**95. !N B94**
**Martinez Ramirez, Lennis (2458) - Grigoryan, Karen H (2634)**
**Malaga 151/95, 2021**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8.♕d2 e6 9.O-O-O b5 10.♗d5 b4 11.♗xa8 bxc3 12.bxc3 ♕xa2 13.♕e2 ♗e7 14.f4**



14.♔d2 - 113/90

**14...h6!N**

14...d5 15.exd5 exd5 16.♔d2! ♘e4+ 17.♔e1±; 14...♕a3+ 15.♔d2 ♕c5=∞

**15.♗xf6**

15.♗h4?! d5 (15...♕a3+ 16.♔d2 O-O 17.♘b3 d5∓) 16.exd5 (16.e5? ♘e4-+) 16...exd5 17.♗xf6 ♘xf6 18.♗c6+ ♔f8 19.♔d2 ♘e4+ 20.♔e3 ♕a3∓; 15.♔d2!? ♕a5 16.♕c4 ♘b6 17.♕c6+ ♗d7 18.♖a1! ♗xc6 19.♗xc6+ ♔d8 20.♖xa5 ♘c4+ 21.♔d3 ♘xa5 22.♖a1 hxg5 23.♖xa5 ♘d7 24.♗xd7 ♔xd7 25.♖xa6 ♖xh2 26.♖a7+ ♔e8 27.♘c6 ♗f8 28.♖a8+ ♔d7 29.♘d4 ♗e7 30.♖a7+ ♔e8=

**15...♗xf6 16.♔d2 ♕a5 17.♕c4?!**

17.♕e3 ♕c7 18.♖b1 ♕a7 19.♗c6 O-O 20.h4 ♕c7 21.♗xd7 ♗xd7=∞

**17...O-O 18.♘c6?!**

18.♖a1 ♕h5 19.♗c6 e5 20.♕e2 ♕g6 21.♘f3 exf4 22.♖hb1 ♘e5∓

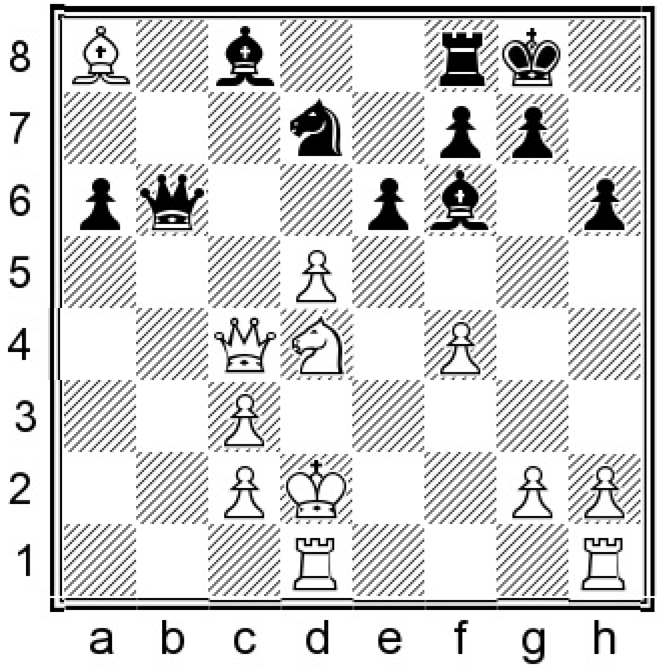
**18...♕b6 19.♘d4**

19.♕b4 ♕f2+ 20.♔c1 ♘b6 21.♕xd6 ♘xa8-+

**19...d5**

19...♕b8 20.♗c6 d5 21.exd5 (21.♕e2 ♕xf4+ 22.♔e1 dxe4 23.♕xe4 ♕c7-+) 21...exd5 22.♕xd5 ♕xf4+ 23.♔e1 ♖e8+ 24.♘e2 ♗xc3+-+

**20.exd5**



**20...♕b8! 21.dxe6**

21.g3 ♕xa8 22.dxe6 ♘b6 23.exf7+ ♖xf7 24.♕b3 ♘d5-+

**21...♘b6**

21...♕xf4+ 22.♔e2 ♘b6 23.♕c6 ♘xa8 24.exf7+ (24.♕xa8 ♗xe6-+) 24...♔h7 25.♕e8 ♗g4+ 26.♘f3 ♕c4+ 27.♖d3 ♖xf7-+

**22.exf7+ ♖xf7 23.♕f1 ♕xa8-+ 24.♖b1 ♘d5 25.♕f3 ♗xd4 26.cxd4 ♖xf4 27.♕e2 ♗f5 28.♖he1 ♔h7 29.♔c1 ♖xd4 30.♕e5 ♕c8 31.♖b2 ♖c4 32.♖e2 ♘f4 33.♖d2 ♘d3+ 34.♖xd3 ♗xd3 35.c3 ♖xc3+ 36.♔d2 ♖c2+ 37.♔xd3 ♕c4+ 0-1**

**96. B97**
**Gabrielian, Artur (2464) - Shomoev, Anton (2578)**
**Chelyabinsk 151/96, 2022**

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.♗e2 ♘bd7 11.O-O ♗e7 12.f5 e5 13.♘e6**

13.♘b3 - 31/324

**13...fxe6 14.fxe6 O-O?!**

14...♘f8 15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.♘d5 ♕c5+ 17.♔h1 h6! (17...♗xe6 - 45/299) 18.♘b6 ♖b8 19.♗h5+ ♔d8 20.♖f3 ♗xe6 21.♖c3 ♕d4 22.♖d3 ♕c5 23.♖c3 ♕d4=; 14...♘c5!? 15.♖xf6 gxf6 16.♗h5+ ♔d8 17.♗xf6 ♘xe6! 18.♗xh8 ♗g5! (18...♘f4? 19.♗xe5+-) 19.♕e1 ♘f4 20.h4 ♗e7 21.♗f3 ♗e6 22.♘d5 ♘xd5 23.exd5 ♗xd5 24.♗xd5 ♕c5+ 25.♔h2 ♕xd5 26.♖d1 ♕e6 27.♗xe5 ♔e8 28.♗d4 ♕xe1 29.♖xe1 ♔d7=

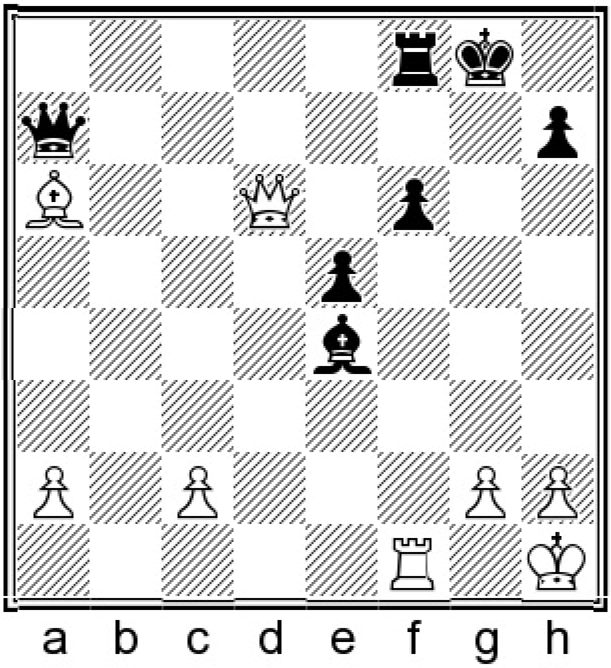
**15.exd7 ♗xd7 16.♘d5 ♗d8 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♘xf6+ gxf6N**

18...♖xf6 19.♖xf6 gxf6 20.♖xb7 (20.♖b3 ♕c5+ 21.♔h1 ♕d4 22.♖d3 (22.♕xd4 exd4 23.♖xb7 ♗b5 24.♗g4 ♖e8=) 22...♕a1+ 23.♗d1 ♗c6 24.♖g3+ ♔f7 25.♕e1! ♕xa2 26.♗h5+ ♔e6 27.♖g7±) 20...♕c5+ 21.♔h1 ♖a7 22.♖b8+ ♔g7 23.♕e1 ♕xc2 24.♕g3+ ♔h6 25.♕e3+ ♔g7 26.♕xa7+-

**19.♖xb7?!**

19.♖b3 ♕c5+ 20.♔h1 ♕c7 21.♕h6 ♗c6 22.♖xf6±

**19...♕c5+ 20.♔h1 ♗c6 21.♖c7 ♖a7 22.♖xa7 ♕xa7 23.♕xd6 ♗xe4 24.♗xa6**



24.♗f3 ♗xf3 25.♖xf3 ♕d4 26.♕e6+ ♔h8 27.h3±

**24...♗xc2?**

24...♕d4! 25.♕xd4 (25.♕e6+ ♔h8=) 25...exd4 26.♗d3 f5! 27.a4 (27.♗xe4 fxe4 28.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 29.♔g1 ♔e7 30.♔f2 ♔d6 31.a4 ♔c5 32.g4 ♔b4 33.♔e2 ♔xa4 34.g5 ♔b4 35.h4 ♔c3 36.♔d1 e3 37.h5 e2+ 38.♔xe2 ♔xc2 39.g6 d3+ 40.♔e3 hxg6 41.hxg6=) 27...♖a8 28.♖a1 ♖a5 29.♔g1 ♔f7 30.♖a2 h5=

**25.♖xf6 ♖xf6 26.♕xf6 ♕d4 27.h3 ♗b1**

27...♗d3 28.♗b7 ♗c4 29.♕g5+ ♔f8 30.♕f5+ ♗f7 31.♔h2+-

**28.a3 ♗a2 29.♔h2 ♗f7 30.♗b5 ♗d5 31.♕g5+ ♔f7 32.a4 e4 33.♕f4+ ♔e7 34.♕c7+ ♔f6 35.♕d6+ ♔g5 36.♗c6**

36.h4+! ♔xh4 (36...♔f5 37.♗d7++-) 37.♕f4+ ♔h5 38.♗e8+ ♗f7 39.♗xf7#

**36...e3 37.♗xd5 e2 38.♕g3+ ♔h6 39.♗f3 ♕e3 40.♕h4+ ♔g7 41.♕g4+ ♔h6 42.♕h5+ ♔g7 43.♗xe2 ♕f4+ 44.♔h1 ♕xa4 45.♕g4+ ♕xg4 46.♗xg4 1-0**

# C00-C24

**97. C02**
**Grandelius, Nils (2672) - Caruana, Fabiano (2792)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/97, 2022**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗d7 6.♗e2 ♘ge7 7.O-O ♘g6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♘bd2**

9.dxc5 - 56/(285)

**9...O-O 10.♖e1 a5N**

10...♖c8

**11.a3 a4 12.♗d3 cxd4 13.cxd4 h6 14.♕e2 b5!?**

14...f5 15.exf6 ♖xf6∞

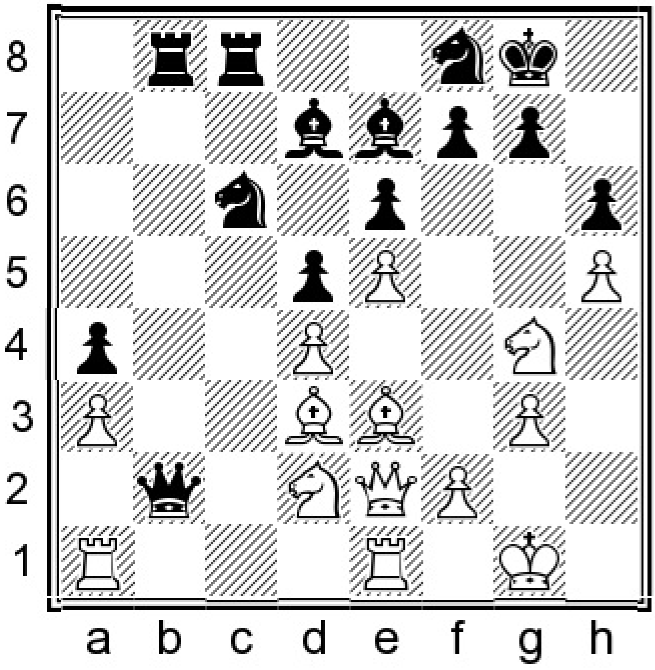
**15.g3 ♕b6 16.h4 ♖fc8?!**

16...♖fb8! 17.♔h1 b4 18.♖g1 ♗c8 19.h5 ♘f8 20.g4 ♗a6 21.g5∞

**17.♘f1**

17.♔h1! b4 18.♖g1 ♖ab8 19.h5 ♘f8 20.g4±

**17...b4 18.♘1h2 ♖ab8 19.h5 ♘f8 20.♘g4 bxa3 21.bxa3 ♕b2 22.♘d2**



**22...♔h8!**

22...♘xd4?! 23.♘xh6+ gxh6 24.♕g4+ ♗g5 (24...♔h8? 25.♗xh6+-) 25.♗xg5 f5 26.exf6 e5 27.♕h4 ♕xd2 28.♗xd2 ♘f3+ 29.♔g2 ♘xh4+ 30.gxh4±

**23.♕f3 ♗e8 24.♘f6 ♘xd4 25.♕g4**

25.♕f4 ♕c3 26.♗a6 (26.♕xd4? gxf6∓) 26...♘f5 27.♗xc8 gxf6 28.♖ec1 ♕xe5 29.♘f3 ♕xf4 30.♗xf4 ♖b3∓

**25...♘f5?!**

25...♘c6! 26.♗xh6 (26.♘xe8 ♖xe8 27.♕xa4 ♘xe5∓) 26...♗xf6 27.exf6 ♕xf6 28.♗g5 ♕d4 29.♕e2 ♘e5! 30.♕xe5 ♕xe5 31.♖xe5 f6 32.♗f4 (32.♖e3 fxg5∓) 32...fxe5 33.♗xe5 ♗xh5 34.♗xb8 ♖xb8∓

**26.♘xe8 ♖xe8 27.♗xf5 exf5 28.♕xf5**

28.♕xa4 ♘e6∞

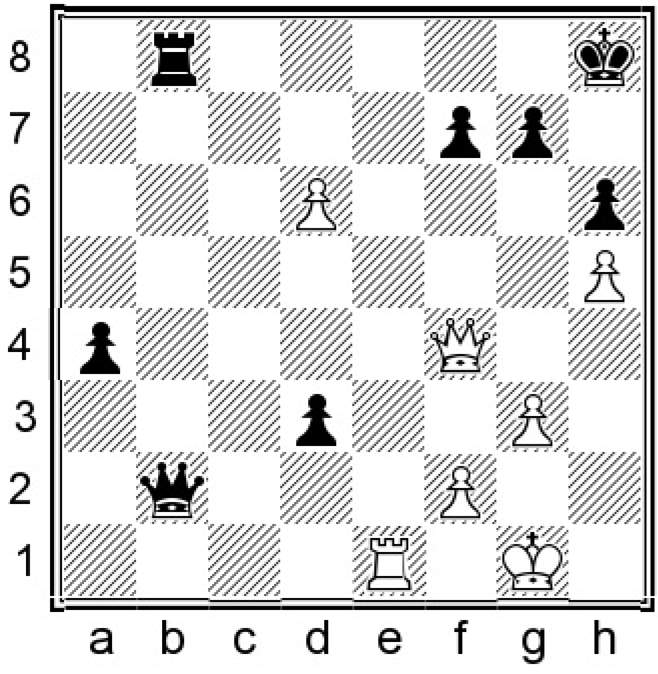
**28...d4 29.♗f4 ♘e6 30.♘e4?!**

30.♕xf7? ♘xf4 31.♕xf4 ♗g5-+; 30.♖eb1 ♕c3 31.♘e4 ♕c2 32.♖c1 ♕e2 (32...♕b3 33.♖cb1 ♕f3 34.♖xb8 ♖xb8 35.♕xf7 ♘xf4 36.♕xf4∞) 33.♕xf7 ♘xf4 34.♕xf4 d3 (34...♕xh5 35.♘d6 ♗xd6 36.exd6=) 35.♘f6!⇄

**30...♘xf4 31.♕xf4 d3 32.♖ad1?**

32.♘d6 ♗xd6 33.exd6 d2 34.♖ed1 ♖e2∓ (34...♕xa1 35.♖xa1 ♖e1+ 36.♔g2 ♖xa1 37.♕xd2 ♖xa3 38.d7 ♖d8 39.♕e2 ♖g8 40.♕d2=)

**32...♗xa3-+ 33.♘d6 ♗xd6 34.exd6 ♖xe1+ 35.♖xe1**



**35...♕c3?**

35...♕b5! 36.d7 ♖d8 37.♖e7 (37.♕xf7 ♕xd7 38.♖e7 ♕g4-+) 37...♕d5!! 38.♖e8+ (38.♖xf7 d2-+) 38...♔h7 39.♖xd8 d2-+

**36.♖d1?**

36.♖c1! d2 37.♖d1 a3 38.♕xd2=

**36...♕c2! 37.♕d2**

37.♖d2 ♖b1+ 38.♔g2 ♕c1 39.♔h3 (39.♔f3 ♕h1+ 40.♔e3 ♖e1+ 41.♔xd3 ♕d5+-+) 39...♕h1+ 40.♔g4 ♕d5-+

**37...a3 38.d7**

38.♕xd3 ♕xd3 39.♖xd3 a2 40.♖a3 ♖b1+-+

**38...a2 39.♕e1**

39.♕xc2 dxc2 40.d8=♕+ ♖xd8 41.♖xd8+ ♔h7-+

**39...♕e2**

39...d2-+

**40.♔g2 ♔h7 41.♕xe2 dxe2 42.♖a1 ♖d8 43.♔f3 ♖xd7 44.♔xe2 ♖a7 0-1**

**98. C11**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Bacrot, Etienne (2642)**
**Berlin 151/98, 2022**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 a6 8.a3 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♗c5 10.♕d2 g5!?**

10...O-O - 142/95

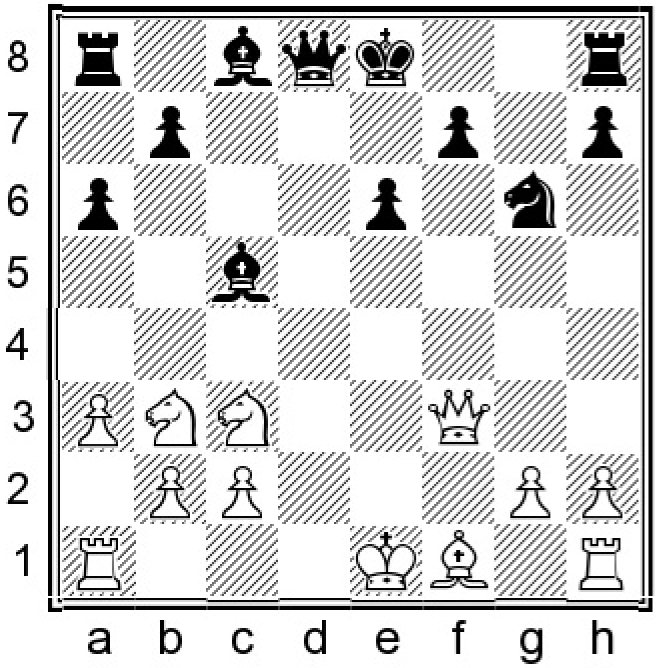
**11.♘f3N**

11.f5 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 ♗xd4 13.♕xd4 ♕b6 14.♕xb6 ♘xb6 15.fxe6 fxe6∞; 11.♘xc6 ♗xe3 12.♕xe3 bxc6 13.O-O-O gxf4 14.♕xf4 ♕c7 15.♖e1 ♗b7∞

**11...d4! 12.♗xd4 ♘xd4 13.♘xd4 gxf4 14.♕xf4 ♘xe5 15.♘b3?!**

15.♘xe6 ♗xe6 16.♕xe5 ♗d4 17.♕f4 ♕b6 18.♘a4 ♕a7∞; 15.O-O-O ♘g6 16.♕e4 ♕h4 17.g4 (17.♕xh4 ♘xh4 18.g3 ♘g6 19.♗g2 ♖b8 20.♖he1∞) 17...O-O 18.♘f3 ♕e7∞; 15.♘db5 f6 (15...axb5 16.♕xe5 ♕d4 17.♗xb5+ ♔f8 18.♕e2±) 16.♘e4 O-O 17.♘xc5 axb5 18.♗e2 ♕c7 19.♕d4∞ (19.♕g3+ ♔h8 20.♘d3 ♖g8 21.♕f2 ♘xd3+ 22.cxd3 ♖g6∞)

**15...♘g6 16.♕f3**



**16...♗a7?!**

16...♗e7! 17.♗e2 O-O 18.O-O (18.h4 ♔h8 19.h5 ♘e5 20.♕g3 f6∓) 18...♕b6+ 19.♔h1 ♗d7∓

**17.♗xa6 O-O 18.♗d3 ♕h4+ 19.♕g3 ♕h6 20.h4?**

20.♘d2! ♗b8 21.♕f2 ♕g7 22.♘f3∞

**20...f5?!**

20...♗e3! 21.♖d1 (21.♔e2 ♗f4 22.♕f2 ♘e5 23.g3 ♕h5+ 24.♔e1 ♗h6∓) 21...f5 22.♘e2 ♖a4∓

**21.♘d2! ♗b8 22.♕f2 ♗a7**

22...♕f4!? 23.♕xf4 ♘xf4 24.O-O-O ♔f7⯹

**23.♕g3 ♗b8 24.♕f2 ♗a7 25.♕g3 ♗b8 1/2-1/2**

**99. C11**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2714) - Bacrot, Etienne (2642)**
**Berlin 151/99, 2022**

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 a6 8.a3 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♗c5 10.♕d2 O-O**

10...g5!? - 151/98

**11.O-O-O ♖b8 12.h4 ♗xd4 13.♗xd4 b5 14.♖h3 ♕c7N**

14...♘xd4 15.♕xd4 ♕e7 16.b4±

**15.b4 f6 16.exf6 ♘xd4 17.♕xd4 ♖xf6 18.♘e2**

18.♖f3 ♗b7 19.♗d3 ♖c8 20.♔b2±

**18...♘b6 19.♖c3 ♘c4 20.g3 ♗d7 21.♘g1! ♗e8 22.♖e1**

22.♘f3 ♗h5 23.♖e1 ♗xf3 24.♖xf3 a5∞

**22...a5 23.♘f3 axb4 24.axb4 ♕e7 25.♖b3 ♖a8 26.♕c5 ♕b7 27.♗xc4 bxc4**

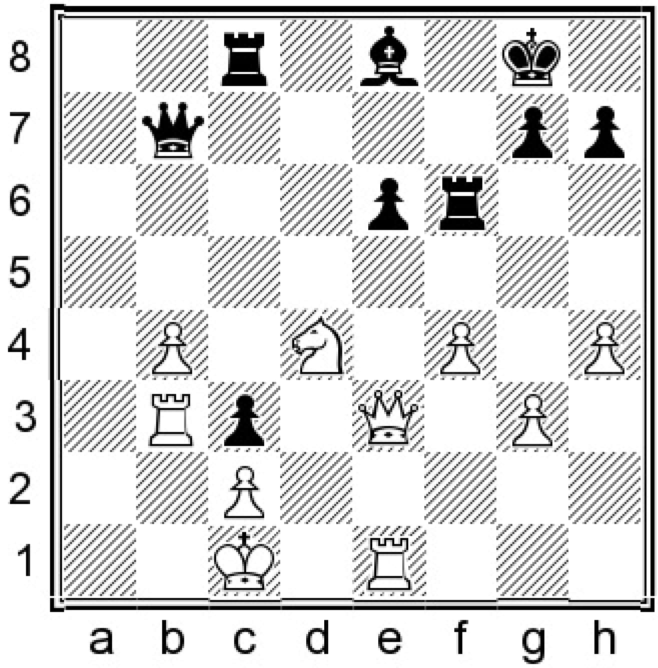
27...dxc4 28.♖be3 ♖f5 (28...♗g6 29.♘d4 ♖a2 30.h5 ♗f5∞) 29.♕d4 ♖d5 30.♕c3 ♖a2 31.♔b1 (31.♖xe6 ♗f7 32.♖6e5 ♖d8∞) 31...♕a8 32.♘d4 (32.♖xe6? ♗g6-+) 32...♗g6 33.f5 ♖xf5 34.♘xf5 ♗xf5 35.♖1e2 h5∞

**28.♖b1?**

28.♖be3□ ♖c8 29.♕a5 ♖a8 30.♕c5=

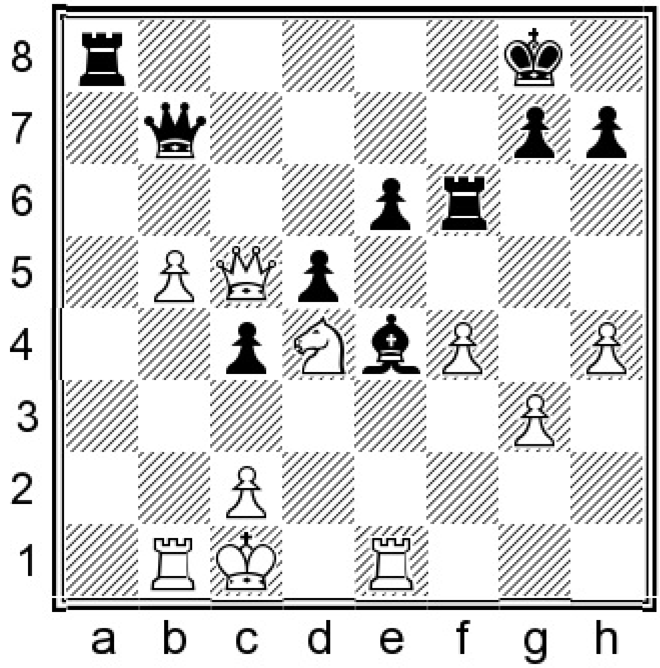
**28...♗g6?**

28...♖c8! 29.♕e3 (29.♕d4 c3 30.♘e5 ♕a6 31.♖e3 ♕a3+ 32.♔d1 ♗b5∓) 29...c3 30.♖b3 d4! 31.♘xd4



31...e5!! 32.♕xe5 (32.fxe5 ♖a6 33.♖b1 (33.♖xc3 ♕xb4!-+) 33...♕a8 34.♕f3 ♕a7 35.♖f1 ♗h5! 36.♕xh5 ♖a1-+) 32...♗f7 (32...♕a8!?) 33.♘f5 ♗xb3 34.♘e7+ ♔h8 35.♘xc8 ♖e6 36.♕xc3 ♖xe1+ 37.♕xe1 ♕xc8∓

**29.b5 ♗e4 30.♘d4**



**30...♖c8?**

30...e5! 31.fxe5 ♖f2 32.b6 (32.e6 h6! 33.e7 c3∞) 32...♕a6 33.b7 (33.♕d6 ♕a5 34.♕b4 ♕a2 35.♕c3 ♖a3 36.♕b2 c3 37.♕xa2 ♖xa2=) 33...♖b8 34.♕d6 ♕a7 35.♘c6 (35.e6 h6! 36.♕xb8+ ♕xb8 37.e7 ♔f7 38.♘c6 c3!=) 35...c3! 36.♘xa7 ♖xc2+ 37.♔d1 ♖d2+ 38.♔c1 ♖c2+=

**31.♘c6 ♖f7**

31...♖a8 32.b6 ♖f7 33.♘a5 ♕d7 34.b7 ♖b8 35.♖b6+-

**32.♖a1 ♖fc7 33.♖a6!+- ♕xa6**

33...h6 34.♕b6 ♕xb6 35.♖xb6+-

**34.bxa6 ♖xc6 35.♕b5 ♖c5 36.♕d7 c3 1-0**

**100. C24**
**Nevednichy, Vladislav (2514) - Istratescu, Andrei (2478)**
**Romania 151/100, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 c6 4.♘f3 d5 5.♗b3 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2**

6.c3 - 122/98

**6...♗xd2+ 7.♕xd2 ♕d6**

7...O-O - 131/105

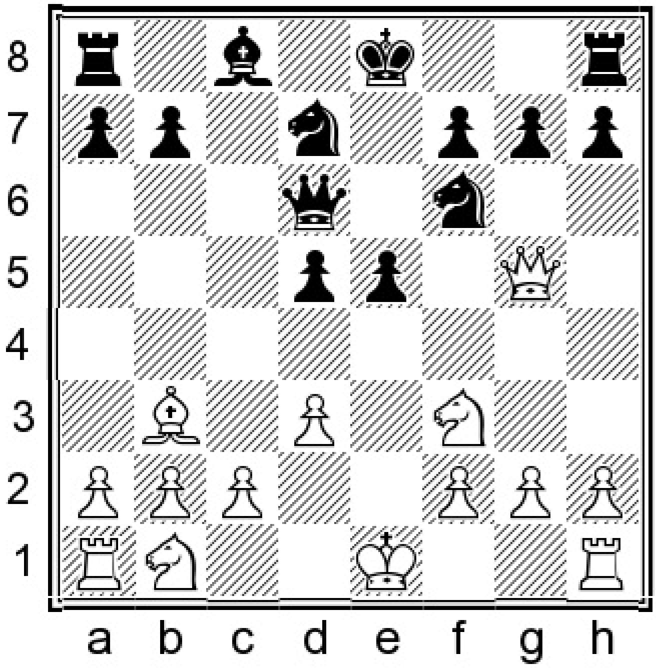
**8.♕g5**

8.h3 O-O 9.♘c3 ♗e6 (9...♘bd7 10.O-O a6 11.♖fe1 b5 12.a4 d4 13.♘e2 ♘c5 14.♘exd4 exd4 15.e5 ♘xb3 16.cxb3 ♕d8 17.exf6 ♕xf6 18.♕g5±) 10.O-O ♘bd7 11.♘g5 ♘c5 12.exd5 ♗xd5 13.♗xd5 ♘xd5

14.♘ge4 ♕e7=; 8.♘c3 d4 (8...♗e6 9.O-O ♘bd7 10.exd5 cxd5 11.d4 e4 12.♘g5 O-O 13.♖ae1↑ Δ f3) 9.♘e2 a5 (9...♗g4 10.♕g5 ♘bd7 11.♕xg7 O-O-O 12.♕g5!) 10.a4 (10.c3 a4 11.cxd4 axb3 12.dxe5 ♘xe4! 13.dxe4 ♕xd2+ 14.♔xd2 bxa2 15.♘c1 ♗e6 16.♘d4 ♘d7 17.f4 g5 18.f5 ♗c4 19.b3 c5⇄) 10...O-O 11.O-O c5 (11...♗e6 12.♘exd4!±; 11...♕c7 12.c3 c5 13.♖ac1 ♕b6 14.♗c4±; 11...♘bd7 12.♗a2 Δ c3±) 12.♘g3 ♘c6 13.♕g5!? h6 14.♘f5 ♗xf5 15.♕xf5 ♕c7 16.g4↑

**8...O-O**

8...♘bd7!? 9.exd5 (9.♕xg7?! ♖g8 10.♕h6 a5!? 11.a4 ♘xe4! 12.♕xh7 ♘df6 13.♕h4 ♘c5 14.♘bd2 ♗f5 15.O-O-O O-O-O∓; 9.♘c3 O-O 10.exd5 cxd5 11.O-O d4 12.♘e4 ♘xe4 13.dxe4 h6 14.♕g3 ♖e8 15.c3 dxc3 16.bxc3 ♘c5⇄) 9...cxd5



10.♘h4!? (10.♕xg7 ♖g8 11.♕h6 ♖xg2 12.♘bd2 (12.♘c3 ♖g6! 13.♕h4 d4 14.♘e4 ♘xe4 15.♕xe4 ♘c5 16.♕d5 ♕xd5 17.♗xd5 f6 18.O-O-O ♗h3 19.♖hg1 O-O-O∓) 12...b5!? 13.a4 ♖g6 14.♕e3 d4 15.♕e2 ♗b7!? 16.♖g1 (16.axb5 ♘h5⇄) 16...♗xf3 17.♘xf3 ♖xg1+ 18.♘xg1 bxa4 19.♗xa4 ♔f8 20.♕d2 ♖b8 21.♕h6+ ♔e7 22.♗b3 e4 23.dxe4 d3 24.♘f3 ♕b4+ 25.♔d1 ♕xe4 26.♕e3 dxc2+ 27.♗xc2 ♕xe3 28.fxe3 ♘d5=; 10.d4 e4 11.♘e5!? (11.♘h4 ♘b6 12.♕xg7 ♕f4! 13.♕xh8+ ♔e7 14.♘c3 ♕xh4 15.♕g7 ♗g4∞) 11...O-O 12.♘c3 ♘b6 13.f3 ♗e6 14.O-O-O↑ ♖ac8 (14...a5!?) 15.♕d2 a6 16.♖he1 exf3 17.gxf3 ♘fd7 18.h4±) 10...g6 (10...♕b4+ 11.c3 ♕b6 12.O-O O-O 13.♘f5 g6 14.d4↑) 11.O-O h6 (11...b6 12.d4! ♗b7 13.dxe5 ♘xe5 14.♘c3 h6 15.♕f4 O-O 16.h3 ♔g7 17.♘b5 ♕d7 18.♖fe1±) 12.♕g3 (12.♕d2 ♔f8 13.d4 ♔g7 (13...e4 14.f3!→) 14.♘c3 ♘e4 15.♘xe4 dxe4 16.♖ad1 exd4 17.f3 e3 18.♕xd4+ ♕xd4 19.♖xd4 ♘c5 20.g4 b6 21.♘g2 ♗a6 22.♖e1 ♖hd8⇄) 12...♘h5 13.♕e3 d4 14.♕f3 O-O 15.♘d2 (15.♘f5 ♕c7! 16.♘xh6+ (16.♘e7+ ♔g7 17.♘d5 ♕c6 18.g4 ♘f4 19.♘d2 ♘xd5 20.♗xd5 ♕c7 21.♘e4 f5! 22.gxf5 ♖xf5 23.♕g2 ♖f4 24.♖ae1 ♘b6 25.♗b3 a5↑) 16...♔h7 17.♘xf7 ♘df6 18.g3 ♖xf7 19.♗xf7 ♕xf7 20.♘d2 ♗g4 21.♕g2 ♖e8 22.♖fe1 ♕c7∞) 15...♘c5 (15...♘f4!? 16.♘c4 ♕e7 17.g3 ♘h3+ 18.♔h1 a5 19.a4 ♘c5 20.♖ae1 ♘g5 21.♕d1 b6 22.f3 ♕c7 23.♖xe5 ♕c6⇄) 16.♖fe1 (16.♘e4 ♘xe4 17.♕xe4 ♗e6 18.♗xe6 ♕xe6 19.♖ae1 ♖ac8 20.♘f3 ♖xc2

21.♘xe5 ♖xb2 22.♕xd4 ♕b6!⇄) 16...♗e6! (16...♔g7 17.♘c4 ♕d8 18.g3 f6 19.c3! (19.♕e2 ♔h7 20.f4 a5! 21.f5 ♗xf5 22.♘xf5 a4∞) 19...♗e6 20.♘d2 dxc3 21.bxc3 ♘xb3 22.axb3 ♗d5 23.♕g4 ♗f7 24.d4±) 17.♘c4 ♕d8 18.g3 ♗d5 19.♕g4 e4! 20.dxe4 ♗xe4 21.♖ad1 ♘f6 22.♕e2 ♘xb3 23.axb3 b5 24.♘e5 ♖e8⇄

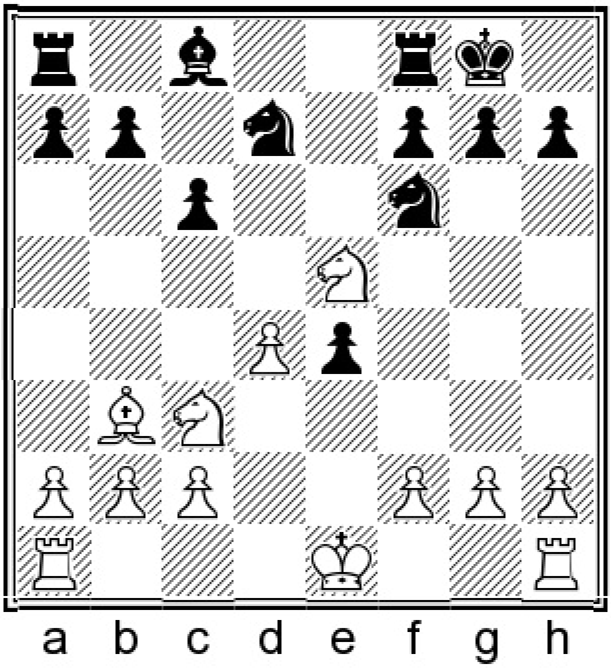
**9.♕xe5**

9.exd5 cxd5 10.O-O ♘c6 11.♘c3 h6 12.♕h4 ♗f5 13.♖fe1 ♖fe8 14.h3 ♖ad8 15.♖ad1 d4↑; 9.♘c3 ♖e8 10.O-O ♗g4!? (10...dxe4 11.♘xe4 ♘xe4 12.dxe4 h6 13.♕h5 ♗e6 14.♖fd1 ♕c7 15.♘h4↑) 11.♘d2 (11.♘h4 ♘bd7 12.exd5 h6! 13.♘f5 ♗xf5 14.♕xf5 ♘xd5=) 11...h6 12.♕h4 d4 13.♘cb1 a5 14.a4 ♘bd7 15.f4 exf4 16.h3 ♗e6 17.♗xe6 fxe6 18.♕xf4 ♕b4⇄

**9...♕xe5 10.♘xe5 dxe4 11.d4 ♘bd7**

11...c5 12.dxc5 ♘bd7 13.♘xd7 ♘xd7 14.c6 bxc6 15.♘c3 ♘c5 16.O-O-O ♗f5 17.♖d4±; 11...♗f5 12.♘c3 (12.♘d2!? a5 13.a4 ♘bd7 14.♘ec4 ♗g6 15.♘e3 ♘b6 16.c3 ♘fd5 17.h4±) 12...♘bd7 13.♘c4 b5 14.♘e3 g6!? (14...♗e6 15.d5 cxd5 16.O-O-O±) 15.h3 a5 16.a4 b4 17.♘e2 ♘b6!? (17...♗e6 18.♗xe6 fxe6 19.♘c4 ♘d5 20.O-O ♘7b6 21.♘xb6 ♘xb6 22.♖fe1 ♖ad8 23.b3 ♘d5 24.♘g3 e3 25.fxe3 e5 26.♘e4±) 18.♘xf5 gxf5 19.g4 ♖fe8 20.gxf5 ♔f8 21.O-O-O e3 22.f3 ♘fd7 Δ c5∞

**12.♘c3±**



**12...c5N**

⌓12...♘b6 13.O-O-O ♘bd5 14.♖he1 (14.♖de1!? ♗f5 15.h3 ♖ae8 16.g4 ♘xc3 17.bxc3 ♗e6 18.g5 ♘d5 19.♔b2±) 14...♘xc3 15.bxc3 ♗f5 16.h3 h5 17.c4 ♖fe8 18.c5 ♗e6 19.♔b2 ♖ac8 20.g4 hxg4 21.hxg4 ♘h7 22.a4! ♘g5 23.a5±

**13.♘xd7 ♗xd7**

13...♘xd7 14.O-O-O e3 15.fxe3 b6 16.♗d5 ♖b8 17.♘e4+-

**14.dxc5!**

14.O-O-O cxd4 15.♖xd4 ♖fe8 16.♖e1±

**14...♖ac8 15.O-O-O! ♗f5**

15...♖xc5 16.♘xe4! ♘xe4 17.♖xd7 ♘xf2 18.♖e1 Δ Ree7+-; 15...♗c6 16.♖he1 ♖fe8 17.♗a4±

**16.♗d5 ♖xc5 17.♗xb7± ♘g4**

17...♖b8 18.♖he1 ♖e5 19.♗a6 g5 20.♗c4±

**18.♖d2 e3 19.fxe3 ♘xe3 20.♖e1 ♘c4 21.♖d5! ♖xd5 22.♗xd5 ♘b6 23.♗b3 ♘c8 24.♖e5 g6 25.♘b5+- ♔g7 26.♖c5 1-0**

# C25-C49

**101. C30**
**Hauge, Lars Oskar (2513) - Andersen, Mads (2570)**
**Reykjavik 151/101, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♗c4 ♘c6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.f4 d6 6.♘f3 exf4**

6...a6 - 77/ 294

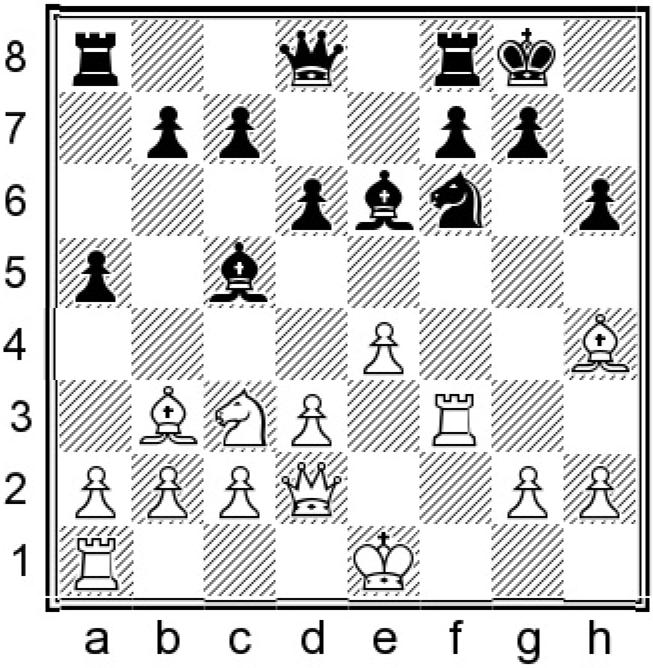
**7.♗xf4 O-O 8.♕d2 ♗e6 9.♗b3 a5! 10.♗g5 h6 11.♗h4 ♘d4 12.♖f1N**

12.♗f2

**12...♘xf3+**

12...♘xe4 13.♕f4 ♘xf3+ 14.♖xf3 ♘g5

**13.♖xf3**



**13...♘xe4!∓ 14.♕f4**

14.♕xh6 gxh6 15.♗xd8 ♘xc3 16.♖g3+ ♔h7 17.♗f6 ♖g8 18.♗xc3 ♖xg3 19.hxg3 d5!∓

**14...♘g5 15.♘e4**

15.O-O-O d5! 16.♖ff1 ♗d6 17.♕d4 c6∓

**15...♗xb3 16.axb3 ♘xf3+ 17.gxf3 f6**

17...♗e3! 18.♕g3 f6 19.f4 ♗b6 20.O-O-O a4-+

**18.O-O-O ♕e7**

18...g5 19.♕f5

**19.d4 ♗b6 20.♘g3 g5 21.♘f5 gxf4 22.♘xe7+ ♔f7 23.♘d5 ♖ae8 24.c3 ♔e6 25.♘xf4+ ♔f5 26.♘d5 ♖e2 27.♗g3 ♖fe8 28.♖f1 h5 29.♘f4 ♖2e3 30.♘xh5 ♖g8 31.♔d2 ♖e7 32.♘f4 c6 33.♘g2 d5 34.♘e3+ ♔e6 35.♔d3 ♗c7 36.f4**

36.♘xd5 ♔xd5 37.c4+ ♔e6 38.♖e1+ ♔d7 39.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 40.♗xc7 ♖g2 41.♗xa5 ♖xb2-+

**36...♔d7 37.♖f3 b5 38.♗h4 ♖e4 39.♗g3 a4 40.bxa4 bxa4 41.♖f2 ♖b8 42.♘g4 f5?!**

42...♔e7-+

**43.♘f6+ ♔e6 44.♘xe4 fxe4+ 45.♔c2 ♔f5∓ 46.♖f1 ♗d6 47.♖a1 ♖h8 48.♖xa4 ♗xf4 49.♖a7 ♗xg3 50.hxg3 ♖h2+ 51.♔c1 ♔g4-+ 52.♖f7 e3 53.b3 ♔xg3**

53...♖h1+ 54.♔c2 e2

**54.♔d1 ♖f2 55.♖e7 ♔f3 56.♔e1 ♖b2 0-1**

**102. C42**
**Shahinyan, David (2486) - Petrosian, Tigran L (2573)**
**Armenia (ch) 151/102, 2022**

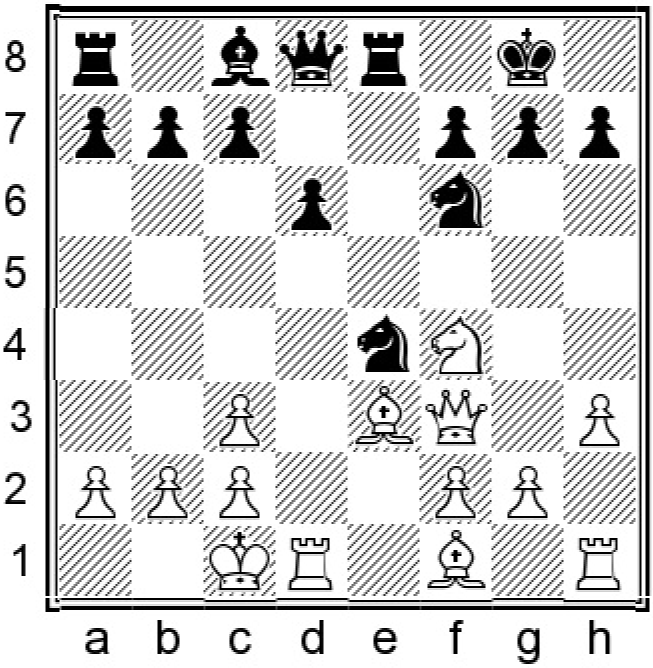
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘xe5 O-O 5.♘d3 ♗xc3 6.dxc3 ♘xe4 7.♘f4**

7.♗e2 - 94/224

**7...♖e8 8.♗e3 d6 9.♕f3N**

9.♗e2

**9...♘d7 10.O-O-O ♘df6 11.h3**



11.♕e2?! ♘xf2!∓

**11...♗d7! 12.c4**

12.♗d3 ♗c6 13.♕e2 ♖e5! 14.♖he1 ♕e7 15.f3 ♘c5⇄

**12...♗c6 13.♘d5 ♗xd5 14.cxd5 c6**

14...c5 15.g4 ♕a5 16.♔b1 b5 17.♗d3 c4 18.♗xe4 ♘xe4 19.♖d4 ♘c5 20.g5 ♖e5 21.♖f4↑

**15.♗c4 b5**

15...♕a5!? 16.♔b1 ♖e7 (16...cxd5 17.♗b3⯹) 17.g4 ♕b4 18.♗b3 ♖ae8⇄

**16.♗b3?!**

16.♗d3 cxd5 (16...c5!? 17.g4 ♕a5 18.♔b1 c4 19.♗xe4 ♘xe4 20.♖d4∓) 17.♔b1 ♖c8=

**16...c5∓ 17.c3 a5 18.♗c2 a4 19.♖he1 a3 20.♗f4 axb2+ 21.♔xb2 b4--+**

21...♕a5 22.♗xe4 ♕a3+ 23.♔b1 b4 24.cxb4 ♕xa2+ 25.♔c1 ♕c4+ 26.♗c2 ♖a1+ 27.♔d2 ♕xb4+--+

**22.cxb4 ♕b6 23.♕b3 cxb4 24.♗e3 ♘c5 25.♕c4 ♖ec8 26.♗b3 ♕a5 27.♗xc5 ♖xc5 28.♕e2 ♖c3 29.♖d3 ♖xb3+! 30.axb3 ♕a2+ 31.♔c1 ♖c8+ 32.♔d1 ♕b1+ 33.♔d2 ♕c2+ 34.♔e3 ♖e8+ 0-1**

**103. C42**
**Noman Khan, Muhammad - Gonen, Barak**
**corr 151/103, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♗d3 ♘f6 6.c3**

6.h3 - 94/(224)

**6...♗e7 7.O-O O-O 8.♖e1 ♖e8 9.♗c2 d5 10.d4 ♗d6 11.♗g5 ♖xe1+ 12.♕xe1** [Δ Bf6] **12...♗e6 13.♘bd2**

13.♘e5 h6 14.♗h4 c5 15.dxc5 ♗xc5=

**13...h6N**

13...♘bd7 14.♘e5 c6 15.♘df3 ♕c7 16.h3 ♖e8∞

**14.♗e3 ♘bd7 15.a4 ♘g4 16.h3 ♘xe3 17.♕xe3 ♘f6 18.a5**

18.♘e5 a5 19.f4 b6=

**18...b6 19.♕e1 c5 20.axb6 axb6 21.♖xa8 ♕xa8 22.♘f1 ♕a7 23.♘g3 ♕a6 24.♘f5 ♗f8 25.♘g3 c4 26.♗f5 b5 27.♗xe6 ♕xe6 28.♕a1 b4 29.♘e5**

29.cxb4! ♗xb4 30.♘e5

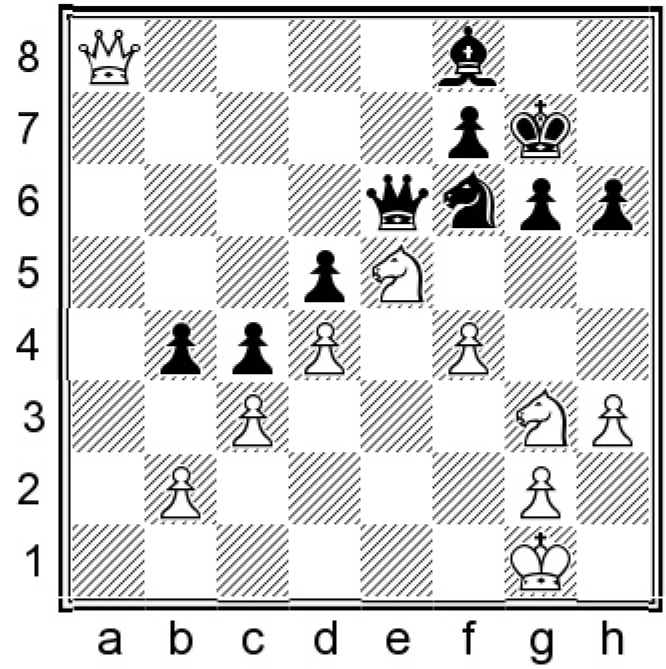
**29...g6**

29...b3!∓

**30.♕a8**

30.cxb4 ♗xb4 31.♕a8+ ♔g7 32.♘e2=

**30...♔g7∓** [Δ Bd6] **31.f4**



31.cxb4! ♗xb4 32.♕b7 ♗d2∓

**31...b3! 32.f5**

32.♕a7 h5∓

**32...gxf5 33.♘e2 ♘h5 34.g4 fxg4 35.hxg4 f6! 36.♕b7+ ♔g8!**

36...♗e7 37.♕d7 ♕d6∓

**37.♕d7 ♘g7 38.♘f4 ♕xd7 39.♘xd7 ♗a3!**

39...f5? 40.♘xf8 ♔xf8 41.gxf5 ♘xf5=

**40.♘xd5?**

40.bxa3? b2 41.♔f2 b1=♕-+; 40.♘xf6+ ♔f7 41.♘d7 ♗xb2∓

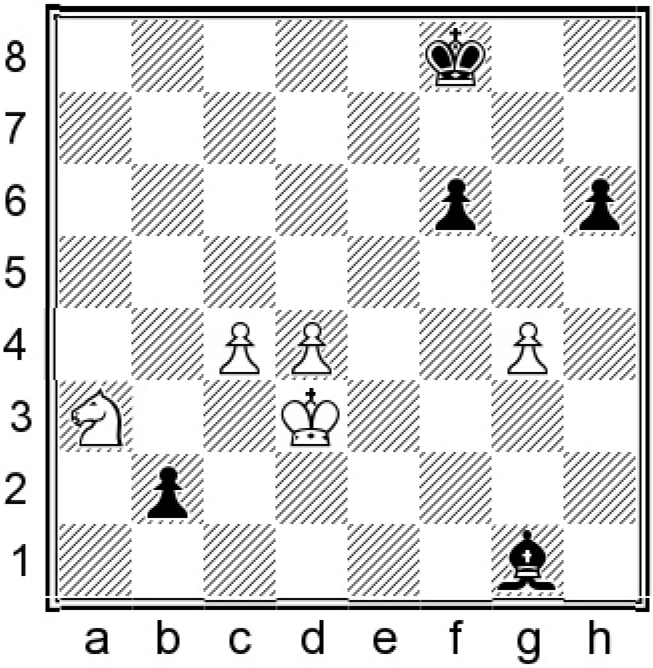
**40...♘e8! 41.♘7b6**

41.bxa3? b2 42.♔f2 b1=♕-+

**41...♗xb2 42.♘xc4 ♗c1 43.♔f1?**

43.♘e7+ ♔f7 44.♘c8 f5 45.gxf5 ♔f6 46.♔f2 h5∓

**43...♘d6! 44.♘db6 ♘xc4 45.♘xc4 b2 46.♘a3 ♔f8 47.c4 ♗e3 48.♔e2 ♗g1 49.♔d3**



**49...f5! 50.gxf5 h5 51.♔c2**

51.c5 h4 52.♔e4 ♔e7-+

**51...h4** [Δ h3-+] **52.c5 h3 53.c6 ♗h2 54.♔xb2 ♗g3 0-1**

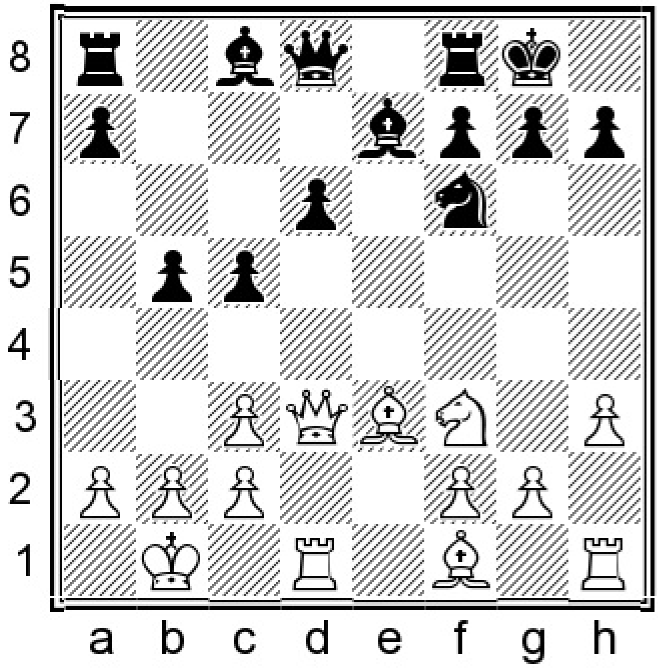
**104. * C42**
**Grandelius, Nils (2672) - Karjakin, Sergey (2743)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/104, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3 ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 ♘d7 8.♕d3**

8.♕d2 - 147/94

**8...♘c5N**

8...O-O - 151/(104) 9.O-O-O ♘f6 10.h3 c5 11.♔b1 (11.g4!?) 11...b5!?



12.♕xb5?! (12.♘h4 g6∞) 12...♗d7 13.♕a6 ♖b8 14.♗c4 ♕c7 15.♗f4 ♘e4 16.♖he1 ♘xc3+ 17.♔c1 ♗b5? (17...♖b6! 18.♕a3 ♘xd1 19.♖xe7 ♘xb2∓; 17...♘xd1 18.♖xe7 ♘xb2 19.♕xd6 ♕xd6 20.♗xd6 ♘xc4 21.♗xb8 ♗xh3 22.gxh3 ♖xb8 23.♖xa7∞) 18.♗xb5 ♘xb5 Zhao,J (2638)-Xu,Y (2527) China (ch) 151/(104) 2021 (18...♘xb5 19.c4±)

**9.♗xc5 dxc5 10.♕xd8+ ♗xd8 11.♗c4 O-O 12.O-O-O ♖e8 13.♖he1 ♖xe1 14.♖xe1 ♗d7 15.h4**

15.♘e5 ♗g5+ 16.♔b1 ♗e8=

**15...♔f8 16.♘g5**

16.♘e5 ♗e8 17.g3 ♗e7 18.♗d5 c6 19.♗g2=

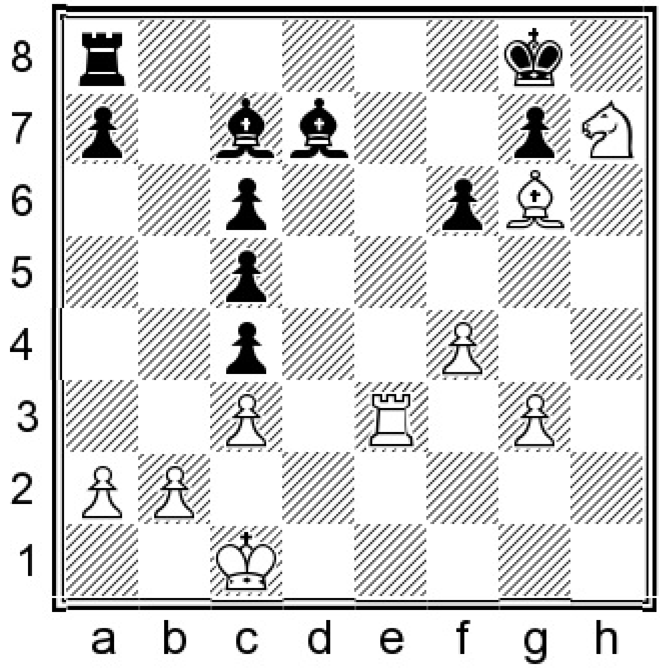
**16...b5 17.♘xh7+**

17.♗d3 h6 18.♘f3 ♗f6 19.♘e5 ♗e8∓

**17...♔g8 18.♗d3 ♗xh4 19.g3 ♗d8 20.f4 f6 21.♗g6 c6 22.c4 bxc4 23.c3?!**

23.f5 ♗c7 24.♖e3∞

**23...♗c7 24.♖e3**



**24...♖d8?**

24...♗h3! 25.♖e7 ♗d6 26.♖b7 a5 (26...♗c8 27.♖f7 ♗g4∓) 27.a4 ♖d8∓

**25.f5! ♗c8 26.♔c2 ♗e5 27.g4 ♖d3 28.♖e4!**

28.♖xd3 cxd3+ 29.♔xd3 ♗a6+ 30.♔e3 ♗c4 31.a3 ♗d5-+ ×Nh7

**28...♖d5 29.a4 a5 30.♖e2 ♗d7 31.♖e4 ♗d6 32.♖e3 ♖e5 33.♖xe5 ♗xe5 34.♔b1 ♗f4 35.♔c2 ♗c8 36.♔b1 ♗a6 37.♔a2 ♗e3 1/2-1/2**

**105. C47**
**Karjakin, Sergey (2743) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/105, 2022**

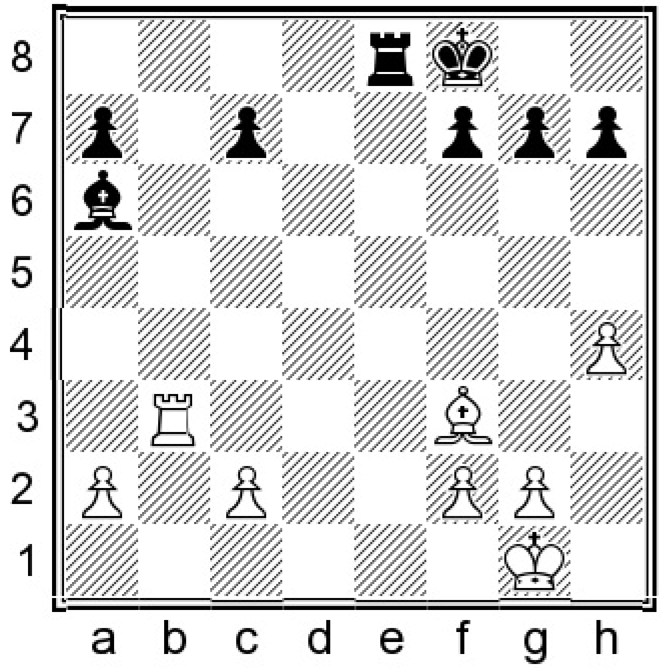
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.d4 exd4 5.♘xd4 ♗b4 6.♘xc6 bxc6 7.♗d3 d5 8.♗d2**

8.exd5 - 147/100

**8...O-O 9.O-O ♗xc3 10.♗xc3 dxe4 11.♗xf6 ♕xf6 12.♗xe4 ♕xb2 13.♗xc6 ♖b8 14.♖b1 ♕xb1 15.♕xb1 ♖xb1 16.♖xb1 ♖d8 17.♗f3 ♔f8 18.♖b8 ♖e8 19.h4 ♗a6**

19...♗f5 20.♖b7 ♗xc2 21.♖xc7 ♗e4! 22.♖xa7 ♗xf3 23.gxf3 ♖c8 24.♔g2 ♖c4 25.♔g3 g6 26.♖a5 ♔g7 27.f4 ♔f6 28.a4 h5 29.♖a7 ♔e6 30.♖a6+ ♔f5 31.♖a5+ ♔f6=

**20.♖b3**



**20...♖e5?!N**

20...♖e1+! 21.♔h2 ♖e5 22.♖c3 ♗e2 23.♗xe2 ♖xe2 24.♔g3 ♖e4 25.♖xc7 ♖a4 26.c4 ♖xa2=

**21.♖c3 ♖e7?**

21...♗e2! 22.♗xe2 ♖xe2 23.♖xc7 ♖e4 24.♖xa7 ♖xh4 25.♖b7 (25.c3 ♖c4 26.♖a3 h5=) 25...♖c4 26.♖b2 h5 27.a3 g5 28.♖a2 ♖a4=

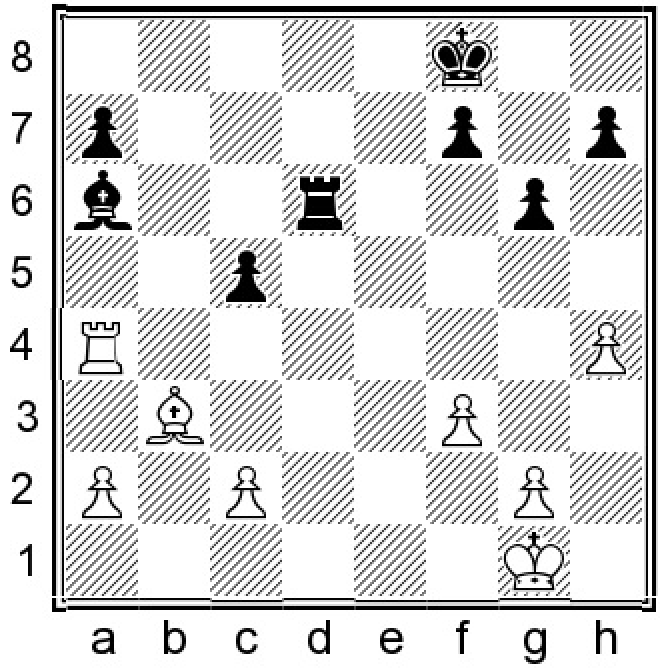
**22.♖a3**

22.♖c5±

**22...♖e6**

22...♗e2!

**23.♗d5 ♖b6 24.♗b3 c5 25.♖a4 g6 26.f3 ♖d6**



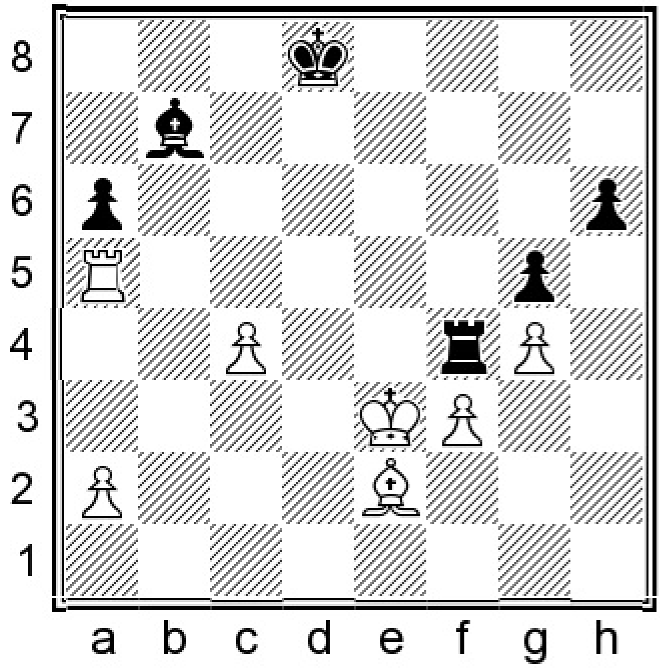
**27.c4! ♔e7 28.♖a5 ♔d8?**

28...♖c6 29.♗a4 ♖b6 30.♖xc5 ♖b4 31.♖a5 ♗xc4 32.♖xa7+ ♔f6 33.a3 ♖b2±

**29.♖xc5 ♗c8 30.♔f2 ♖d2+ 31.♔g3 h6 32.h5 ♖d6 33.hxg6 fxg6 34.♔f4 g5+ 35.♔e5 ♖e6+ 36.♔d4 ♖e2 37.g4 ♖d2+ 38.♔e3 ♖d6**

⌓38...♖h2

**39.♖a5 ♖e6+ 40.♔d4 ♖f6 41.♗d1 a6 42.♗e2 ♖f4+ 43.♔e3 ♗b7**



**44.♖f5! ♖xf5 45.gxf5 ♔e7 46.c5 ♔f6 47.♗d3 ♔e5 48.♗e4 ♗c8 49.c6 h5 50.c7! a5**

RR50...♔d6 51.f6! ♔e6 (51...♗e6 52.f7 ♔e7 53.♗g6 h4 54.♗h5 h3 55.♔f2 ♗c8 56.♗g4+-; 51...h4 52.f4 g4 53.f5 h3 54.♔f2 a5 55.♔g3 ♔d7 56.♔xg4+-) 52.♗f5+!+- Perunovic,Milos

**51.a4 ♔f6 52.♔f2!+- h4 53.♔g2 ♔e5 54.♔h2 ♔f6 55.♗d3 ♔e5 56.♗f1! ♔f6 57.♗h3 ♗d7**

57...♔e5 58.f6

**58.♗g4 ♗c8 59.♔g2 ♗d7 60.♔f2 ♗c8 61.♔e3 ♗d7 62.♔d4 ♗c8 63.♔c5 ♔f7 64.♔b6 1-0**

# C50-C74

**106. C50**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2865) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/106, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♘f6 3.d3 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♗c5 5.♘c3 h6 6.h3**

6.O-O - 50/339

**6...a6 7.a4 d6 8.♗e3 ♗xe3 9.fxe3 ♗e6 10.b3 O-O 11.O-O d5N**

11...♘a5

**12.exd5 ♘xd5 13.♕d2 ♘xc3 14.♕xc3 ♕d6 15.♘d2 f5 16.♗xe6+**

16.♖f2 ♖f7 17.♖af1 ♖af8 18.♗xe6 ♕xe6∞

**16...♕xe6 17.♕c4 ♕xc4 18.bxc4 e4 19.d4**

19.dxe4 ♖ad8 20.♖f2 fxe4 21.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 22.♘xe4 ♘a5=; 19.♖ab1 exd3 20.cxd3 b6=

**19...f4**

19...♘b4 20.♖ac1 b5!? 21.axb5 axb5 22.cxb5 ♖a3 23.♖fe1 ♖c3⩱

**20.♖xf4 ♖xf4 21.exf4 ♘xd4 22.♘xe4 ♘e2+ 23.♔f2 ♘xf4 24.♖b1 b6 25.c5 ♖f8 26.cxb6 cxb6**

26...♘d5+ 27.♔e2 ♘xb6 28.a5 ♘c4=

**27.c4 ♘d5+ 28.♔e2 ♖e8?**

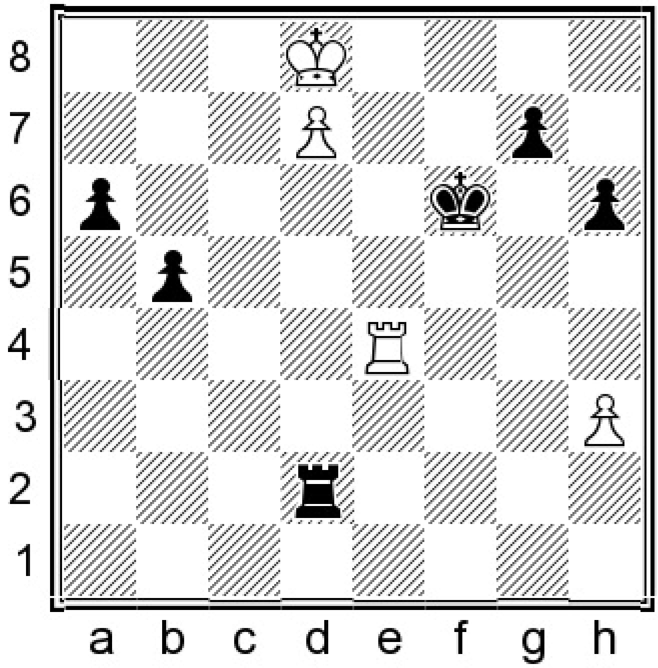
28...♘f6 29.♘c3 (29.♘d6 ♘d7=) 29...♘d7 30.♘d5 ♖e8+ 31.♔d2 a5=

**29.cxd5! ♖xe4+ 30.♔d3 ♖xa4 31.d6 ♔f7 32.♖e1! ♖a5 33.♔d4 ♖a2 34.♔d5 ♖d2+**

34...♖xg2 35.d7 ♖d2+ 36.♔c6 ♖c2+ 37.♔xb6 ♖d2 38.♔c7 ♖c2+ 39.♔d8 g5 40.♖e7+ ♔f8 41.♖e6 ♔f7 42.♖xh6+-

**35.♔c6 b5 36.d7?**

36.♖e7+! ♔f6 (36...♔f8 37.♖c7+-) 37.♖e4! ♖c2+ 38.♔b7 ♖d2 (38...♖xg2 39.♖d4! ♔e5 40.♖d1 ♖f2 41.d7 ♖f8 42.♔xa6!+-; 38...b4 39.d7 ♖d2 40.♔c7 ♖c2+ 41.♔d8 a5 42.♔e8 ♖d2 43.d8=♕+ ♖xd8+ 44.♔xd8 b3 45.♔d7+-) 39.♔c7 ♖c2+ 40.♔d8 ♖xg2 41.d7 ♖d2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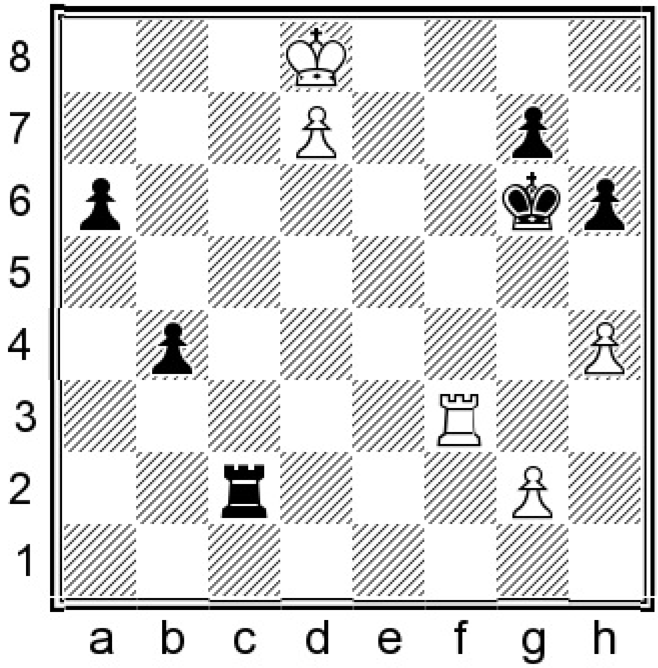
42.♖e8!! (42.♔e8? g5! 43.d8=♕+ ♖xd8+ 44.♔xd8 h5=) 42...♖c2 (42...g5 43.♔c7 h5 44.d8=♕+ ♖xd8 45.♖xd8 g4 46.hxg4 hxg4 47.♔d6 ♔f5 48.♔d5+-; 42...♔g5 43.♖e6 ♔h4 44.♔c7 ♖xd7+ 45.♔xd7 ♔xh3 46.♖g6!+-) 43.♖f8+ ♔g5 (43...♔g6 44.♔e7 ♖e2+ 45.♔d6 ♖d2+ 46.♔c6+-) 44.♔e7 ♖d2 45.d8=♕ ♖xd8 46.♖xd8 ♔h4 47.♖d3 g5 48.♔f6+-

**36...♖c2+ 37.♔b6 ♖d2 38.♔c7 ♖c2+ 39.♔d8 b4□ 40.♖e7+ ♔f8 41.♖e3 ♔f7**

41...g6 42.♖f3+ ♔g7 43.♖e3 ♔f7=; 41...g5=

**42.♖e7+**

42.♖f3+ ♔g6! (42...♔g8?? 43.♖f5! b3 44.♔e7+-) 43.♔e7 (43.h4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43...h5!= (43...a5? 44.h5+! ♔xh5 45.♖d3 b3 46.♔e8 b2 47.d8=♕ ♖e2+ 48.♔f8 b1=♕ 49.♕d5++-)) 43...♖e2+ 44.♔f8 ♖d2 45.♖g3+ ♔f6 46.♖xg7 b3 47.♖f7+ ♔g6 48.♔e8 b2 49.♖f1 ♖e2+ 50.♔f8 ♖d2 51.♔e8=

**42...♔f8 43.♖e5 g6 44.♖e6 b3 45.♖f6+ ♔g7 46.♔e7 ♖e2+ 47.♖e6 ♖xe6+ 48.♔xe6 b2 49.d8=♕ b1=♕ 50.♕c7+ ♔g8 51.♕d8+ ♔g7 1/2-1/2**

**107. C54**
**Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767) - Karjakin, Sergey (2743)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/107, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.♗b5 ♘e4 8.cxd4 ♗b6 9.♘c3 ♗g4 10.h3 ♗h5 11.♗e3 O-O 12.g4**

12.♕c2 - 147/102

**12...♗g6 13.O-O f5 14.exf6N**

14.♘xe4? dxe4 15.d5 ♘e7 16.♘g5 ♕xd5∓

**14...♕xf6 15.♗xc6 bxc6 16.♘e5 ♕h4 17.♘xe4 ♗xe4**

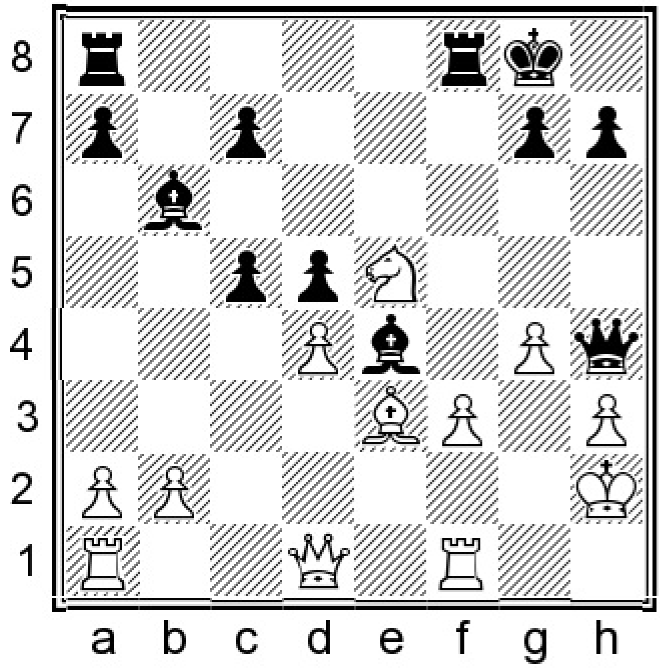
17...dxe4 18.♔h2 ♖ae8 19.♕b3+ ♔h8 20.♕a3! ♔g8 21.♕b3+ ♔h8=

**18.♔h2 c5**

18...♕e7 19.b4!? (19.♘xc6? ♕d6+ 20.♘e5 c5 21.f4 cxd4 22.♗xd4 ♖ac8 23.♖f2 g5-+) 19...♕xb4 20.f3 ♗g6 21.f4∞

**19.dxc5**

19.f3



19...♕e7! 20.♔g2 (20.fxe4? cxd4 21.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 22.♗xd4 c5-+) 20...cxd4 21.♗xd4 c5 22.♗c3 d4 23.♕b3+ ♔h8 24.♖ae1 ♕xe5 25.♖xe4 ♕d6∓

**19...♕e7 20.♘c6**

20.f4 ♗xc5 21.♗xc5 ♕xc5 22.♖c1 (22.♘d7? ♕b5 23.♘xf8 ♕xb2+ 24.♔g3 ♕g2+ 25.♔h4 ♖xf8-+) 22...♕b4 23.b3 c5∓

**20...♕d7 21.♘e5**

21.cxb6 ♕xc6 22.bxa7 ♖f3! 23.♖g1□ ♖xe3! 24.fxe3 ♕f6 25.♕e2 ♖xa7∞

**21...♕e7 22.♘c6 ♕d7 23.♘e5 ♕e7 1/2-1/2**

**108. C54**
**Erigaisi, Arjun (2632) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2627)**
**Wijk aan Zee II 151/108, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.♗b5 ♘e4 8.cxd4 ♗b6 9.♘c3 O-O 10.♗e3 f6 11.exf6 ♘xc3**

11...♖xf6 - 149/101

**12.bxc3 ♕xf6 13.O-O ♗g4 14.♗e2 ♗xf3?!**

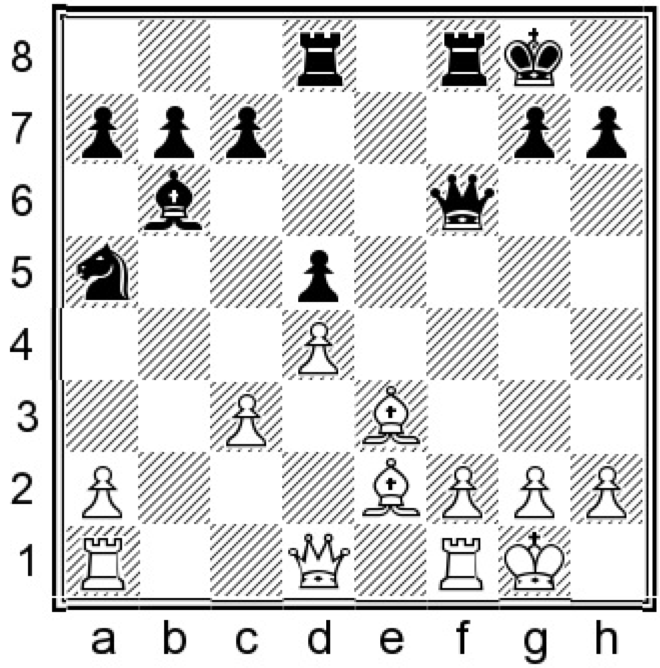
14...♖ae8 15.a4 h6 16.h3 ♗f5∞

**15.♗xf3± ♖ad8**

15...♘e7!? 16.♗c1 (16.a4 c6 17.♕b3 ♘g6 18.a5 ♗c7 19.♗g4 (19.♕xb7?? ♕d6 20.g3 ♖ab8 21.♕xa7 ♖xf3-+) 19...♖ae8!? 20.c4 (20.♕xb7 ♖e7 21.♕b1 h5!? 22.♗e2 ♘h4↑) 20...h5 21.♗d1 ♕h4 22.h3 (22.g3?! ♕h3) 22...♘f4 23.cxd5 (23.♕xb7?? ♖xe3-+) 23...♘xd5 24.♗c2 (24.♕xb7?? ♘xe3-+)

24...♖e6∞; 16.♕d3 c6 17.♗d1 ♗c7 18.♗c2 ♘f5 19.♖ae1 ♖ae8 20.♗c1⩲) 16...c6 17.♗a3 ♖fe8 18.♕d3 ♘f5 19.g3 ♗c7 20.♖ae1±

**16.♗e2 ♘a5N**



16...♘e7

**17.a4?!**

17.♖b1! c6 18.g3 ♗c7 (18...♘c4? 19.♗xc4 dxc4 20.♕e2 ♕f7 21.♖b4 ♗a5 22.♖xc4±) 19.♗d3 ♕f7 (19...b5?! 20.♕h5 h6 (20...g6?! 21.♕g4 ♕f3 (21...♕f7? 22.♗h6 ♖fe8 23.f4+-) 22.♕xf3 ♖xf3 23.♔g2 ♖ff8 24.♗g5 ♖de8 25.a4 a6 26.axb5 axb5 27.♖a1±) 21.h4 ♕f7 22.♕g4 ♖d6 (22...♔h8? 23.♖be1 ♘c4 24.♔g2 ♗a5 (24...♕f6?? 25.♗g5!+-; 24...♖d6 25.♗g5! hxg5 26.hxg5 g6 27.f4 ♔g8 28.f5+-; 24...a5 25.♗g6 ♕d7 26.♕h5+-) 25.♗f4! ♗xc3 26.♖e6 ♗xd4 (26...b4 27.♖xc6 ♗xd4 28.♖c7 ♕f6 29.♖e1! ♖de8 30.♖xe8 ♖xe8 31.♕d7 ♖f8 32.♕xd5+-) 27.♖fe1!+-) 23.♗f4 ♖f6 24.♗xc7 ♕xc7 25.f4±) 20.♗c1!? ♗d6 21.f4 ♖de8 (21...♘c4?! 22.♕c2 h6 23.♗h7+ ♔h8 24.♗g6 ♕e7 25.♕d3 b5 26.♗d2±) 22.♕a4!? b6 23.♖b2 ♕d7 24.♖bf2±

**17...c6∞ 18.♗d3 ♗c7?!**

18...♘c4!? 19.♕c2 (19.♗c1 ♗a5 20.♕c2 h6∞) 19...h6 20.♖ae1 ♘xe3 21.♖xe3 c5 22.♖f3 ♕c6 23.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 24.dxc5 ♕xc5∞

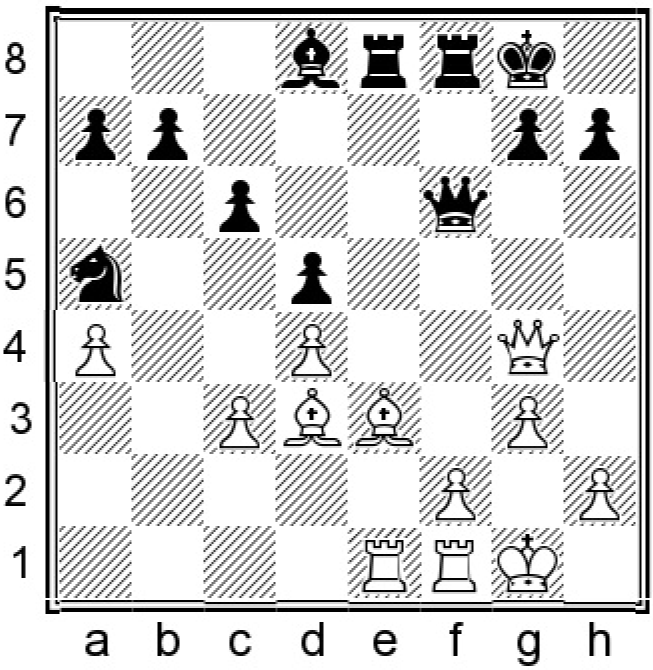
**19.♕g4?!**

19.♕h5!? g6 (19...h6 20.♖ab1 (×Na5) 20...♖de8 21.g3⩲) 20.♕g4⩲

**19...♖de8 20.♖ae1 ♗d8?!**

20...♕f7 21.♕h3 h6 (21...g6 22.f4→) 22.♕g4 ♖e6 23.♖e2 ♖fe8∞

**21.g3**



21.♕h5 g6 22.♕d1!? ♖e7 (22...♘c4?? 23.♗xc4 dxc4 24.♗h6 ♖xe1 25.♕xe1+-) 23.♗c1 ♖xe1 24.♕xe1±

**21...♕f3?**

21...♘c4 22.♗f4 ♕f7□ 23.♖xe8 ♖xe8 24.♖b1!? ♗a5 25.♖b3±

**22.♕h3+- g6 23.♗e2 ♕f5 24.♗g4 ♕f6 25.♗f4 h5 26.♗d7 ♖xe1 27.♖xe1 ♔h7 28.♖e6 ♕f7 29.♖d6! ♕e7 30.♗e6 ♖xf4 31.♖d7 ♖f6 32.♖xe7+ ♗xe7 33.♗c8! ♖d6 34.g4 ♘c4 35.gxh5 gxh5 36.♗e6! ♔g7 37.f4 ♘d2 38.f5 ♖xe6 39.fxe6 ♘e4 40.♕xh5 ♘g5 41.♕e8 ♔f6 42.♕d7 1-0**

**109. C54**
**Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752) - So, Wesley (2772)**
**Berlin 151/109, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a5 7.♖e1 ♗a7 8.♘bd2 O-O 9.h3**

9.♘f1 - 147/104

**9...♗e6 10.♗b5 ♘e7 11.d4 ♘g6 12.♗a4 ♘h5 13.♘f1 ♘hf4 14.♘g3 exd4 15.♘xd4 ♗xd4 16.cxd4**

16.♕xd4 ♕g5 17.♕d1 ♘h4 18.♗xf4 ♕xf4∞

**16...d5 17.♕f3 ♕f6 18.♗d1N**

18.♔h2 ♕xd4 19.♗xf4 ♕xa4 20.♗xc7 ♕d7 21.♗b6∞

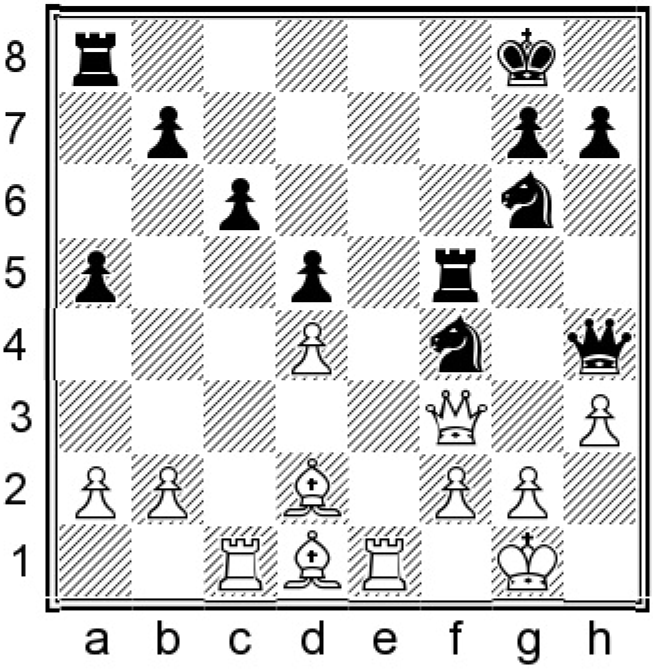
**18...♕h4 19.♗d2**

19.♗xf4 ♘xf4 20.♘h5 ♘xh5 21.exd5 ♘f4 22.dxe6 fxe6∞

**19...c6 20.♖c1 f5!? 21.exf5**

21.e5 ♗d7 22.♔h2 ♖f7 23.♖c3 ♖af8∞

**21...♗xf5 22.♘xf5 ♖xf5**

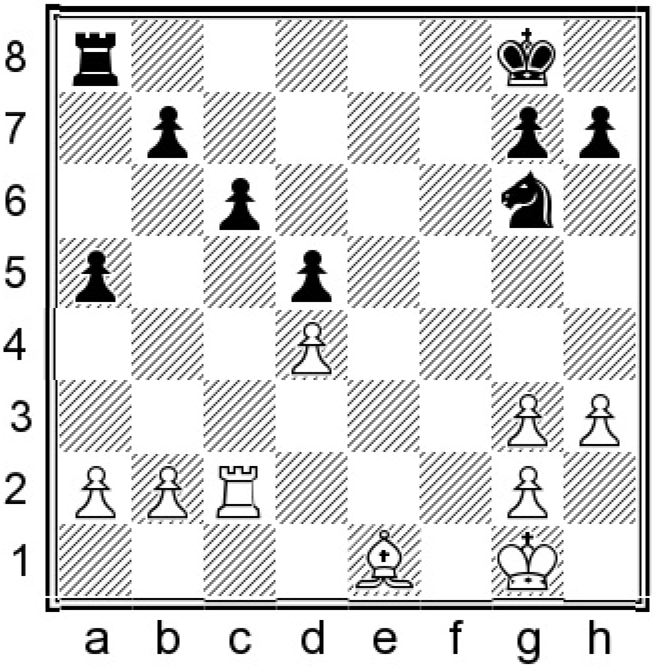


**23.♕g3?!**

23.♗c2 ♖g5 24.g3 ♖f8 (24...♘xh3+ 25.♔f1 ♕xd4 26.♗xg5 ♘xg5 27.♕e3 ♕g4 28.♗d1 ♕f5∞) 25.♗xg6 ♘xh3+ (25...♖xg6 26.♗xf4 ♖xf4 27.♕d3 ♕xh3 28.♖e8+ ♖f8 29.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 30.♖e1=) 26.♔f1 ♖xf3 27.♖e8+ ♖f8 28.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 29.gxh4 ♖xg6 30.♖c3 ♖g1+ 31.♔e2 ♖h1=

**23...♕xg3 24.fxg3 ♘d3 25.♗c2 ♖f2 26.♗xd3**

26.♗c3 ♖xc2 27.♖xc2 ♘xe1 28.♗xe1



28...♘f8!∓

**26...♖xd2 27.♗xg6?**

27.♗f5 ♖xb2 28.♖b1 ♖b4 29.a3 ♖xb1 30.♖xb1 ♖a7 (30...b5 31.♗e6+ ♔f8 32.♗d7 ♘e7 33.♖f1+ ♔g8 34.♗e6+ ♔h8 35.♖f7 ♘g8∓) 31.♗e6+ ♔f8 32.♖f1+ ♔e7 33.♗g8 h6 34.♖f7+ ♔d6 35.♖xg7 ♘e7∓

**27...hxg6 28.♖e7**

28.♖b1 ♖f8 29.♖ed1 ♖ff2 30.♖xd2 ♖xd2-+

**28...♖xb2 29.♖ce1 ♖f8 30.♖d7 ♖ff2 31.♖ee7 ♖xg2+ 32.♔f1 ♔h7! 33.h4 ♔h6 34.♖e5**

34.♖xg7 ♔h5 35.♖xb7 ♖bf2+ 36.♔e1 ♖xa2-+

**34...♖bf2+ 35.♔e1 ♖xa2 36.♔f1 ♖h2 37.♔g1 ♖ag2+ 38.♔f1 ♖b2 39.♔g1 ♖hd2 0-1**

**110. C54**
**Aronian, Levon (2772) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/110, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.d3 ♘f6 5.O-O O-O 6.♖e1 h6 7.c3 d6 8.♘bd2 ♗b6 9.♗b3**

9.a4 - 147/105

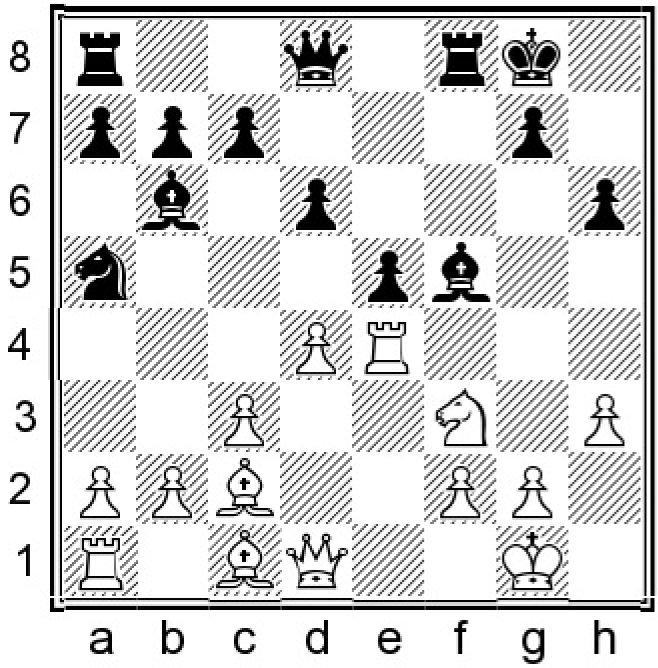
**9...♘g4 10.♖e2 ♘a5!? 11.♗c2N**

11.♗a4 f5∞

**11...f5**

11...c5!? 12.h3 ♘f6 13.♘f1 ♘c6 14.♘g3 ♗e6 15.♖e1±

**12.h3 ♘f6 13.d4 fxe4 14.♘xe4 ♘xe4 15.♖xe4 ♗f5**



**16.♖e1?!**

16.♖g4!? ♗xg4 17.hxg4=∞; 16.d5! a6 (16...♗xe4 17.♗xe4 ♔h8 (17...c5 18.b3+-) 18.b4 ♘c4 19.♕e2 ♖xf3 20.gxf3 ♕h4 21.♔g2 a5 22.a4 axb4 23.cxb4 ♗d4 24.♖a2 ♘b6 25.♕b5+-) 17.♖b4 ♕d7 18.♗xf5 ♕xf5 19.♖g4±

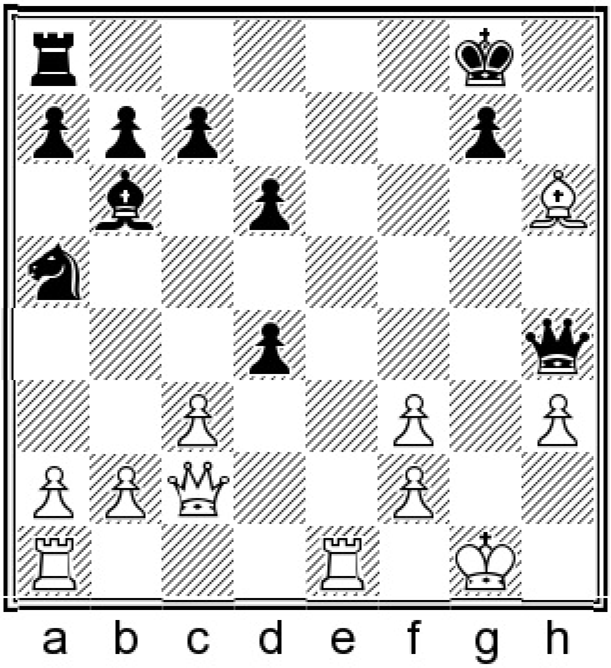
**16...♗xc2 17.♕xc2 exd4 18.♗xh6**

18.cxd4 ♕f6 19.♗d2 (19.d5 ♕f5∞) 19...♕f5 20.♕xf5 ♖xf5∞

**18...♖xf3!**

18...gxh6? 19.♕g6+ ♔h8 20.♕xh6+ ♔g8 21.♖e6+-

**19.gxf3 ♕h4**



**20.♗c1??**

20.♗d2 d3 (20...dxc3 21.♗e3 cxb2 22.♖ab1∞) 21.♕xd3 ♗xf2+ (21...♕g3+ 22.♔h1 ♕xh3+ 23.♔g1 ♖f8 24.♕d5+ ♔h8 25.♕g5 ♘c4 26.♖e7 ♗xf2+ 27.♔xf2 ♕h2+ 28.♔e1 ♕h1+ 29.♔f2 ♕h2+=; 21...♘c4 22.♕d5+ ♔h8 23.♗e3 ♗xe3 24.fxe3 ♕g3+ 25.♔f1 ♖f8 26.♕h5+ ♔g8 27.♕d5+=) 22.♔g2 ♕g3+ 23.♔f1 ♕g1+ 24.♔e2 ♖e8+ 25.♗e3 ♗xe1 26.♕d5+ ♔f8 27.♕f5+ ♔g8 28.♕d5+=

**20...d3! 0-1**

**111. C54**
**Alekseenko, Kirill (2710) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2643)**
**Riga 151/111, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗h4 a6 8.♘bd2 ♕e7 9.O-O**

9.a4 g5!? 10.♗g3 ♘h5 11.♗d5 ♗a7 12.♘c4 g4 13.♘h4 ♕g5⇄

**9...♗a7 10.b4 ♗e6**

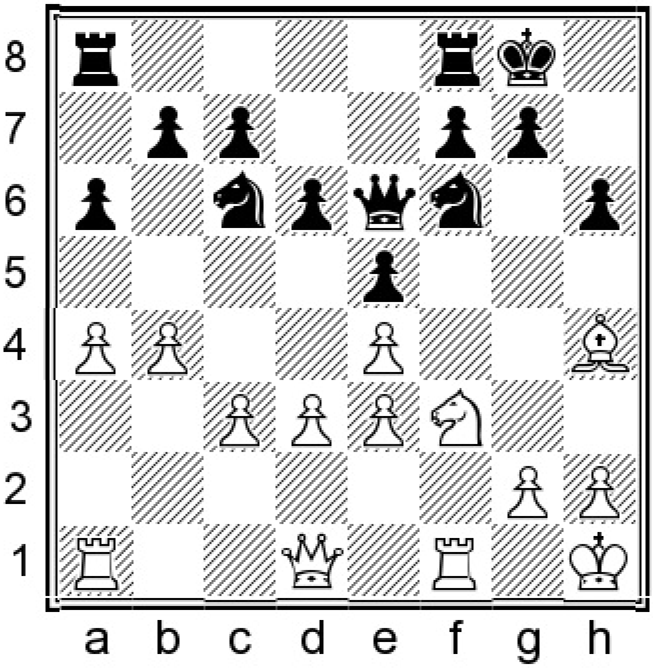
10...g5 - 149/102

**11.a4 O-O 12.♔h1**

12.♖e1 ♗xc4 (12...♖fe8 13.a5 ♘b8 14.d4 ♘bd7 15.d5 ♗g4 16.h3 ♗h5 17.g4 ♗g6 18.♗g3 Δ Nh4±) 13.♘xc4 ♕e6 14.b5 ♘e7 15.♗xf6 (15.♕b3 g5!? 16.♗g3 ♘d7⇄) 15...♕xf6 16.♖b1 ♕e6 17.b6 (17.a5 axb5 18.♖xb5 ♖ab8 19.♕b3 ♘g6 20.♘b6 ♗xb6 21.axb6 c6⇄) 17...cxb6 18.♘xb6 ♖ab8 19.c4 ♘g6 20.♘d5 f5⇄

**12...♗xc4 13.♘xc4 ♕e6 14.b5N**

14.♘fd2?! d5∓; 14.♘e3 ♗xe3 15.fxe3



15...♘d7!? 16.♘d2 (16.a5 f5 17.exf5 ♖xf5 18.e4 ♖f7⇄) 16...g5 17.♗f2 ♘e7 18.d4 ♕g6∞

**14...♘e7 15.♗xf6 ♕xf6 16.♖b1**

16.d4 ♕e6 17.♕d3 ♘g6 18.g3 f5⇄

**16...♕e6 17.b6**

17.a5 ♗c5∞

**17...cxb6 18.♘xb6 ♖ad8**

18...♖ab8 19.♕b3 ♕xb3 20.♖xb3 ♗xb6 21.♖xb6 ♖fc8 22.c4±

**19.♕b3**

19.c4 f5⇄

**19...♕xb3 20.♖xb3 f5 21.exf5**

21.♘c4 ♖d7 22.♖fb1 b5⇄ 23.axb5 axb5 24.♖xb5 ♗xf2 25.♘fd2 fxe4 26.♘xe4 d5 27.♘xe5 ♖c7=

**21...♖xf5 22.♘c4**

22.c4 d5=

**22...♘d5 23.♖xb7**

23.d4 exd4 (23...♗b8 24.♘e3 ♘xe3 25.fxe3 ♖d7 26.♔g1 ♖f8 27.g3 ♖df7 28.♔g2±) 24.♖xb7 ♖f7 25.♖xf7 ♔xf7 26.cxd4 ♔e6 27.♖e1+ ♔d7 28.♘e3 ♘xe3 29.fxe3 ♖b8 30.h4 ♖b4 31.h5 ♖xa4 32.♖b1 ♔c6 33.♖c1+ ♔b5 34.♘h4 ♖c4=

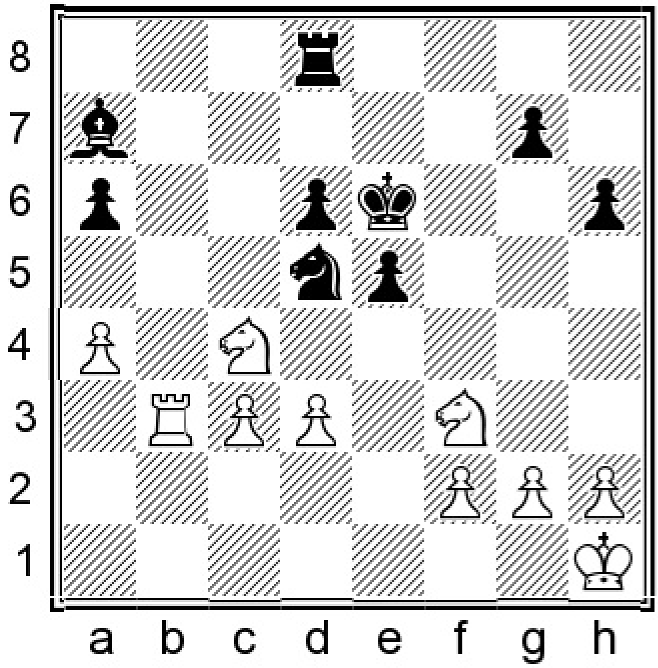
**23...♖f7=∞ 24.♖xf7**

24.♖b3 g5 25.♘a5 (25.♘fd2 ♘f4 26.♘b2 d5⯹) 25...g4 26.c4 ♘f4 27.♘h4 ♖df8 28.f3=

**24...♔xf7↑ 25.♖b1**

25.♖c1 ♔e6 26.g3 ♗xf2 27.♘fd2 ♗a7 28.♘e4 ♘f6∓; 25.d4 e4 26.♘fd2 ♘xc3 27.d5 ♗c5∓

**25...♔e6 26.♖b3**



**26...♖b8! 27.♖xb8 ♗xb8 28.♔g1 ♘xc3∓ 29.♘b2 d5**

⌓29...♔d5 30.♔f1 ♔c5 31.♔e1 ♔b4-+

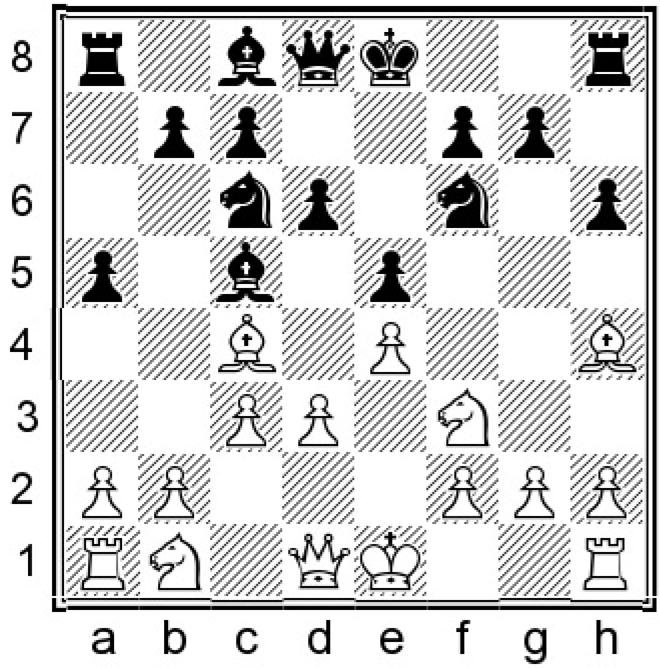
**30.♘e1**

30.♔f1 ♗d6 31.♔e1 ♗b4-+

**30...♔d6 31.♘c2 ♔c5 32.♔f1 ♔b6 33.♔e1 ♔a5 34.♔d2 ♘xa4 35.♘xa4 ♔xa4 36.♘e3 ♔b3 37.♘xd5 a5-+ 38.♘b6 a4 0-1**

**112. * C54**
**Dubov, Daniil (2720) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/112, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 d6 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗h4 a5**



**8.♘a3!?N**

8.♘bd2 - 150/(107)

**8...♗xa3 9.bxa3 ♕e7** - 151/112

9...♗e6N 10.♗b5 O-O 11.O-O∞ Dubov,D (2720)-Tari,A (2660) chess.com (Int. -rapid) 151/(112) 2022

**10.O-O ♘b8**

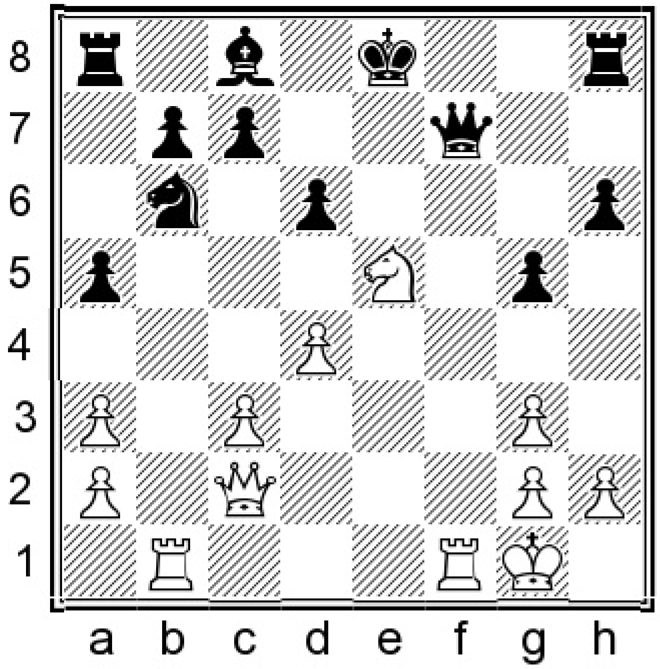
10...g5 11.♗g3 ♗d7 12.♖b1 b6 13.♖e1∞

**11.d4 ♘bd7 12.♖b1**

12.♖e1 ♘f8 13.♖b1 ♘g6 14.♗g3 O-O±

**12...g5 13.♗g3 ♘xe4 14.♕c2 f5**

14...♘xg3 15.fxg3 ♘b6 16.♗xf7+!? (16.♗b5+ ♗d7 17.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 18.dxe5 O-O-O∞) 16...♕xf7 17.♘xe5

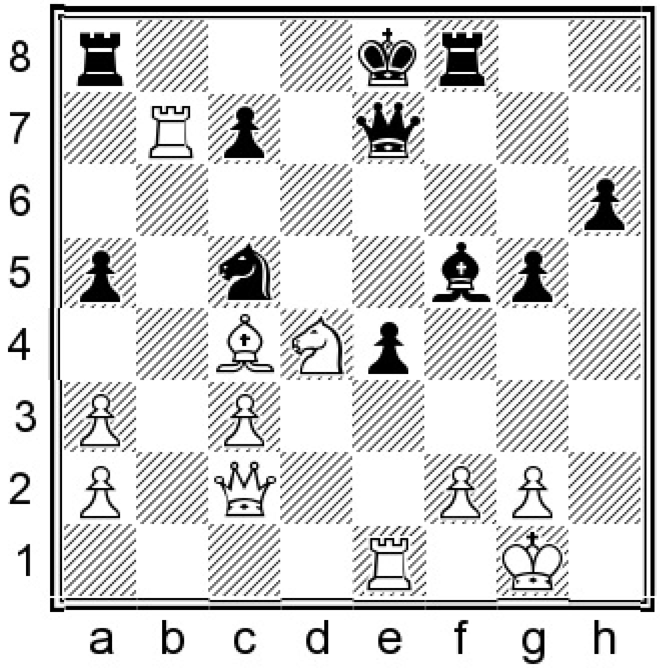


17...♕h7! (17...♕g7? 18.♖f7 ♕g8 19.♖xb6! dxe5 (19...cxb6 20.♕a4+ ♔d8 21.♕c4+-) 20.♖xc7+-) 18.♕e2 dxe5 19.♕xe5+ ♔d8 20.♕f6+ ♔d7 21.♖be1 ♖a6 22.♕e6+ ♔d8 23.♕f6+=

**15.dxe5 dxe5 16.♖fe1 ♘xg3 17.hxg3 e4 18.g4! ♘c5 19.♘d4 ♖f8! 20.gxf5**

20.♗b5+ ♔f7 21.gxf5 ♕e5! 22.♗c4+ ♔g7 23.♗e6 ♗xe6 24.♘xe6+ (24.fxe6 ♖f4∞) 24...♘xe6 25.fxe6 ♖f4 26.♖xb7 ♖af8∞

**20...♗xf5 21.♖xb7!**



**21...♖f6!!**

21...♘xb7 22.♗b5+ ♔f7 (22...c6 23.♗xc6+ ♔d8 24.♘xf5 ♖xf5 25.♖xe4+-) 23.♘xf5 ♕e5 24.♘xh6+

(24.♗c4+ ♔f6 25.♘xh6 ♕c5 26.♖xe4 ♖ae8±) 24...♔g7 25.♖xe4 ♕d6 26.♖e3! ♕xh6 27.♖h3 ♖xf2 (27...♕g6 28.♗d3 ♕e8 29.♖h7+ ♔f6 30.♕d1! ♘d6 (30...♘c5 31.♕f3+ ♔e5 32.♕g3+ ♔d5 33.♕xg5+ ♔c6 34.♖h6++-) 31.♕f3+ ♔e5 32.♕e3+ ♔d5 33.c4+ ♔c6 34.♖e7+-) 28.♕xf2 ♕b6 29.♖e3±

**22.♕b1**

22.♖b5 c6 23.♖b6 (23.♘xf5 ♖xf5 24.♖xe4 ♕xe4 25.♕xe4+ ♘xe4 26.♖xf5 ♔d7∞) 23...♕c7 24.♖eb1 ♔f8 25.♗d5 (25.♘xf5 ♖xf5 26.♕d2 ♖f6∞) 25...♗h7!⇄

**22...♘xb7 23.♕xb7**

23.♘xf5 ♖xf5 24.♖xe4 ♖e5 25.♕xb7 ♖xe4 26.♕xa8+ ♔d7 27.♕d5+ ♔e8 28.♕a8+=

**23...♖d8 24.♘xf5**

24.♘c6? ♕c5 25.♘xd8 ♕xc4∓; 24.♕b5+ ♕d7 25.♕e5+ ♕e7 26.♕b5+=

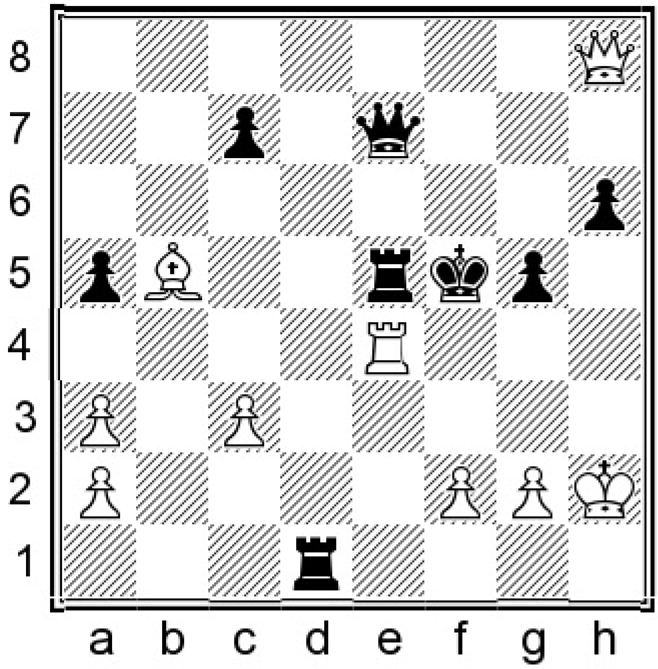
**24...♖xf5 25.♖xe4 ♖d1+!**

25...♖e5?? 26.♕c6+ ♖d7 27.♕g6+ ♔d8 28.♕g8+ ♕e8 29.♖xe5+-

**26.♔h2 ♖e5 27.♕c6+ ♔d8 28.♕a8+**

28.♗b5 ♕d6! 29.♕a8+ ♔e7 30.♕e8+ ♔f6 31.♕h8+ ♔f5 32.♕h7+ ♔f6 33.♕xh6+ ♔f5 34.♕h7+ ♔f6=

**28...♔d7 29.♗b5+ ♔e6 30.♕c8+ ♔f6 31.♕h8+ ♔f5**



**32.f3??**

32.♕c8+ ♔f6 (32...♔xe4?? 33.♕g4+ ♔d5 34.♕c4+ ♔d6 35.♕c6#) 33.♕h8+ ♔f5=

**32...♖xe4 33.fxe4+ ♔xe4-+ 34.♕a8+ ♔e3 35.♗c6 ♕e5+ 36.g3 g4 37.♕a7+ ♔d2 0-1**

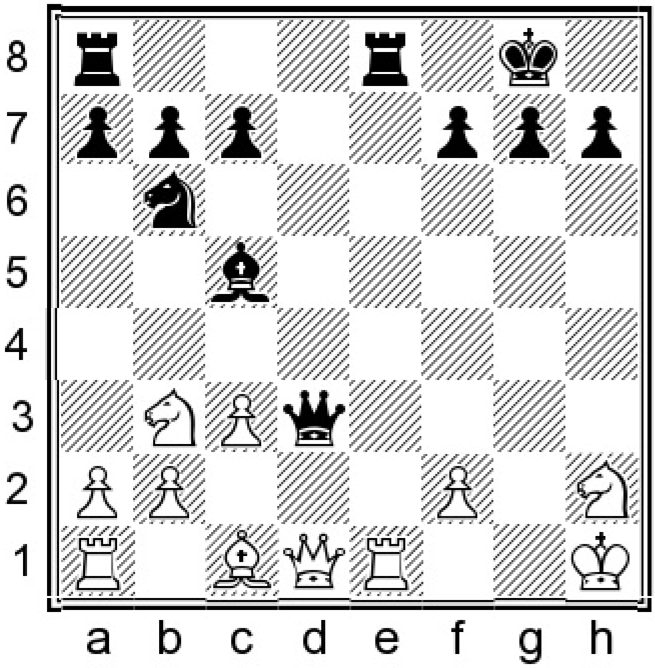
**113. C54**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2714) - Giri, Anish (2772)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/113, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 O-O 6.O-O d5 7.exd5 ♘xd5 8.♖e1 ♗g4 9.♘bd2 ♘b6 10.h3 ♗h5 11.♗b3 ♕xd3 12.♘xe5 ♕f5 13.♘ef3 ♖fe8**

13...♖ad8 - 146/106

**14.g4 ♗xg4 15.hxg4 ♕xg4+ 16.♔h1 ♘e5 17.♘h2 ♕g6 18.♗c2 ♘d3 19.♗xd3 ♕xd3 20.♘df3N**

20.♘b3



20...♕d5+! (20...♕xd1 21.♖xd1 ♗xf2 22.♘g4 ♗h4 23.♖g1±) 21.f3 (21.♔g1?! ♖e6!!∓) 21...♖xe1+ 22.♕xe1 ♗d6 23.♕e4 ♕xe4 24.fxe4 ♖e8 25.♘a5 ♖xe4 26.♘f3 ♘c4!∞

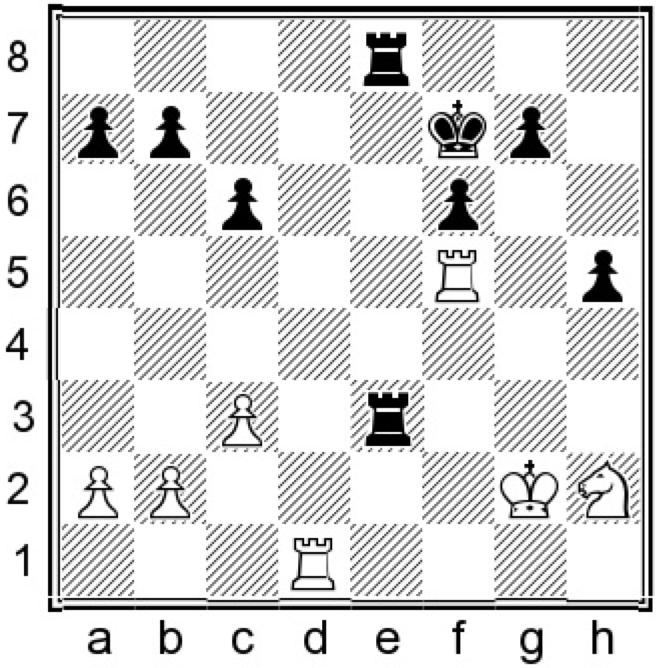
**20...♕xd1 21.♖xd1 ♗xf2 22.♗f4 c6 23.♖d2**

23.♘g4 ♗c5 24.b4 ♖e4! 25.♗e5 ♖xg4 26.bxc5 ♘d5∞

**23...♗e3 24.♗xe3 ♖xe3 25.♘d4 ♘c4 26.♖f2 ♖ae8 27.♖af1**

27.♘f5 ♖e2 28.♖xe2 ♖xe2 29.♖d1 h6 30.b3 ♘e3 31.♘xe3 ♖xe3∞

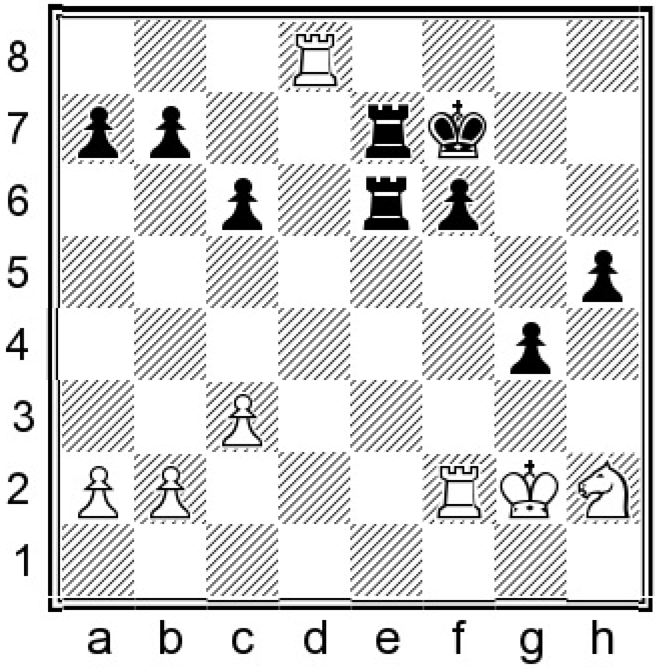
**27...♘d6 28.♘f5 ♘xf5 29.♖xf5 f6 30.♔g2 ♔f7 31.♖d1 h5!?**



**32.♖f2?!**

32.♖xh5! ♖e2+ 33.♔g3 ♖xb2 34.♖d7+ ♖e7 35.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 36.♖a5 a6 37.♘f3 ♔d6∓

**32...g5 33.♖d7+ ♖3e7 34.♖d6 ♖e6 35.♖d7+ ♖8e7 36.♖d8 g4**



36...♔g6∓

**37.♖h8?!**

37.♘f1! h4 38.♖h8 g3 39.♖f4 ♖e2+ 40.♔g1 g2 41.♘h2 ♖xb2 42.♖h7+ ♔e8 43.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 44.♖xh4 ♖xa2 45.♖h7+ ♔d6 46.♖xb7 a5 47.♘g4=

**37...♔g6 38.♖g8+ ♖g7 39.♖f8 ♔g5 40.♘f1 h4 41.a4 a5 42.b4 b6 43.bxa5 bxa5 44.♖a8 ♖e5 45.♘d2?**

45.♖c8 g3 46.♘xg3! hxg3 47.♖f3 ♔h5 48.♖xg3 ♖xg3+ 49.♔xg3 ♖c5 (49...♖e3+ 50.♔f4 ♖xc3 51.♔f5! ♔h4 (51...♖f3+ 52.♔e4 ♖f1 53.♖xc6=) 52.♔xf6=) 50.♔f4 ♔g6∓

**45...g3! 46.♘f3+ ♔f4 47.♖f1**

47.♘xe5+ gxf2+ 48.♔xf2 fxe5-+

**47...h3+! 48.♔xh3 g2 49.♖f2 ♔e3 0-1**

**114. C54**
**Aronian, Levon (2772) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2736)**
**Berlin (playoff-m/2-rapid) 151/114, 2022**

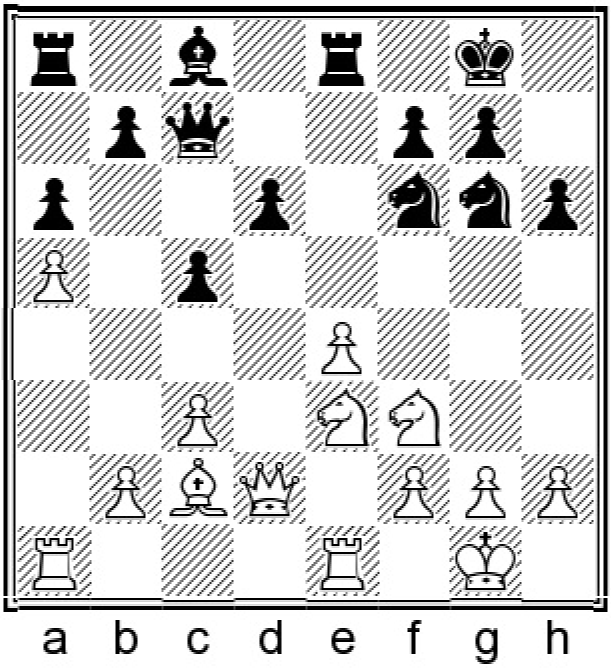
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.d3 ♘f6 5.O-O d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 ♗a7 8.♘a3 ♘e7 9.♘c2 ♘g6 10.♗e3 ♗xe3 11.♘xe3 O-O 12.a5**

12.♕c2 - 140/121

**12...c6 13.♗b3 h6 14.♗c2N**

14.♖e1

**14...♖e8 15.♖e1 ♕c7 16.d4 exd4 17.♕xd4 c5 18.♕d2**



18.♕d1 ♗d7 19.c4 b5 20.axb6 ♕xb6 21.b3 ♗c6 22.♘d5 (22.♘f5 ♘xe4 23.♘xd6 ♘xd6 24.♕xd6 ♘f8=) 22...♘xd5 23.exd5 ♗d7=

**18...♗g4!**

18...♘xe4?? 19.♘d5+-

**19.♘xg4 ♘xg4 20.♕d1**

20.h3 ♘f6 21.♘h2 ♖ad8 22.♘f1 d5 23.exd5 ♖xe1 24.♕xe1 ♘xd5=

**20...b5!?**

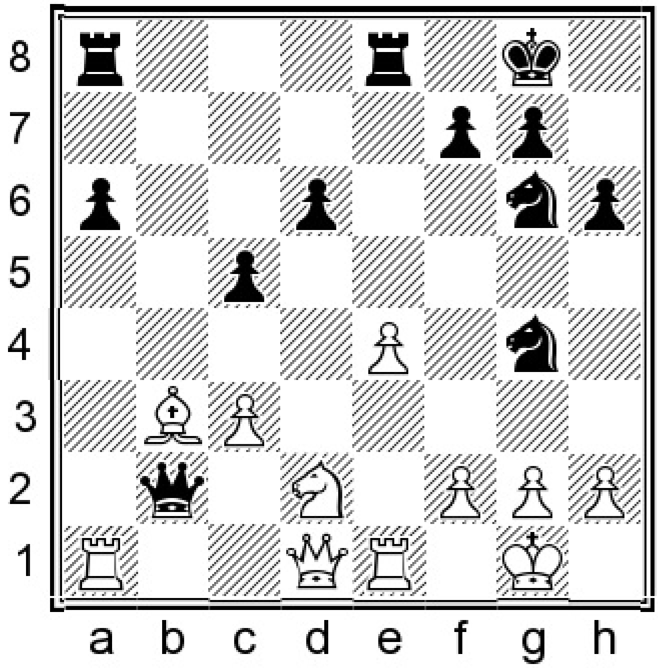
20...♘4e5 21.♘d2 ♘f4 22.♖e3 d5 23.g3 d4 24.gxf4 dxe3 25.fxe3 ♘c6 26.♘c4 ♖ad8 27.♕h5∞; 20...♘f6∞

**21.axb6 ♕xb6 22.♘d2**

22.♖a2! ♘4e5 23.♘d2 ♖ad8 24.♘f1±

**22...♕xb2! 23.♘c4**

23.♗b3



23...c4! 24.♖b1 (24.♗xc4 ♘6e5 25.♗d5 ♖ac8=) 24...♕xc3 25.♘xc4 ♘6e5 26.♘xe5 ♘xe5 27.♕xd6=

**23...♕xc3 24.♘b6 ♖ab8 25.♘d5 ♕b2 26.♖b1 ♕a2 27.♖a1 ♕b2 28.♖b1 ♕a2 29.♖a1 ♕b2 1/2-1/2**

**115. C54**
**Mekhitarian, Krikor Sevag (2562) - Milos, Gilberto (2575)**
**Sao Paulo 151/115, 2022**

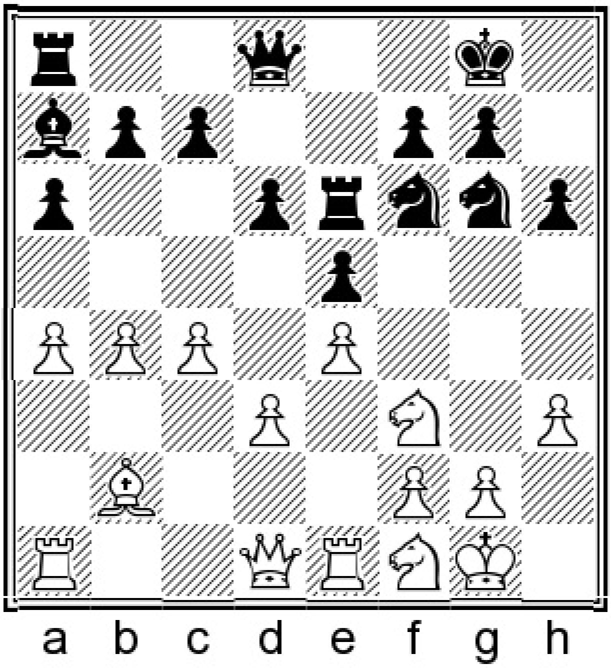
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.d3 ♘f6 5.O-O d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 ♗a7 8.♘bd2 O-O 9.h3 h6 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.b4 ♗e6 12.♗xe6 ♖xe6 13.♗b2**

13.♘f1 - 146/109; 13.♕c2 - 146/108

**13...♘e7 14.♘f1 ♘g6**

14...♘h5!? 15.d4 ♘g6 16.♘e3 ♘f6 17.d5 ♖e8 18.♘f5 ♕d7 19.♕c2 (19.♘g3? b5! 20.♕c2 c6∓) 19...c6=

**15.c4**



**15...♖e8?!N**

15...♘h7! 16.♘g3 ♘g5 17.♘f5 (17.♘h2 ♘f4 18.d4 ♖g6∓) 17...♘xf3+ 18.♕xf3 ♘h4 19.♕g4 ♘xf5 20.exf5 ♖f6 21.♕f3∞

**16.♘g3 c6 17.d4± ♕c7 18.♕b3**

18.a5±; 18.c5±

**18...a5 19.b5 ♘d7 20.♘f5 ♖ad8 21.♖ad1 exd4 22.♘3xd4 ♘c5 23.♕f3 f6 24.♕h5 ♘e5 25.♖e3! ♔h7 26.♘xh6! gxh6 27.♘f5 ♘f7 28.♗xf6 ♖c8 29.♖xd6**

29.♖g3 ♖g8 30.♗g7+-

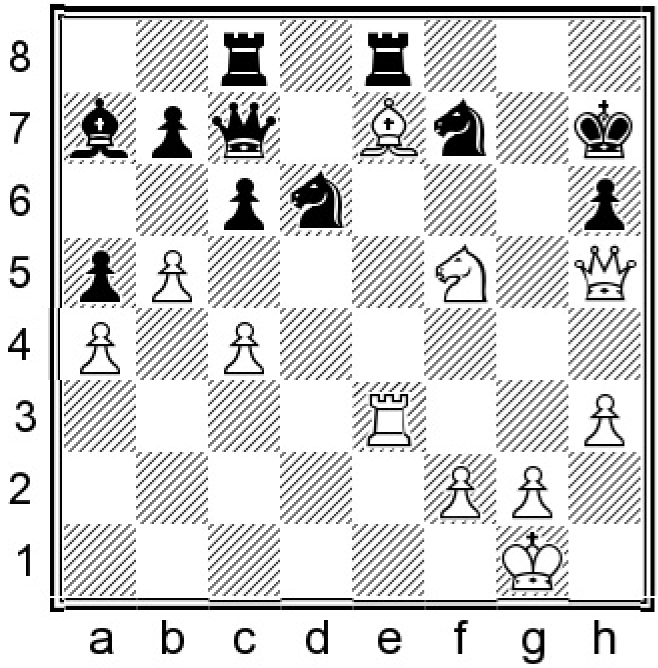
**29...♘xe4**

29...♘xd6 30.♕xh6+ (30.♖g3+-) 30...♔g8 31.♕h8+ ♔f7 32.♕g7+ ♔e6 33.♘d4#

**30.♗e7**

30.♘e7 ♖xe7 31.♕f5+ ♔g8 32.♕g6+ ♔f8 33.♕g7+ ♔e8 34.♕g8#

**30...♘exd6**



**31.♖e6! ♗xf2+ 32.♔h1 ♘xf5 33.♕g6+ ♔h8 34.♗f6+ 1-0**

**116. C54**
**Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/116, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.O-O h6 7.♖e1 O-O 8.♘bd2 ♗b6 9.h3**

9.a4 - 147/105

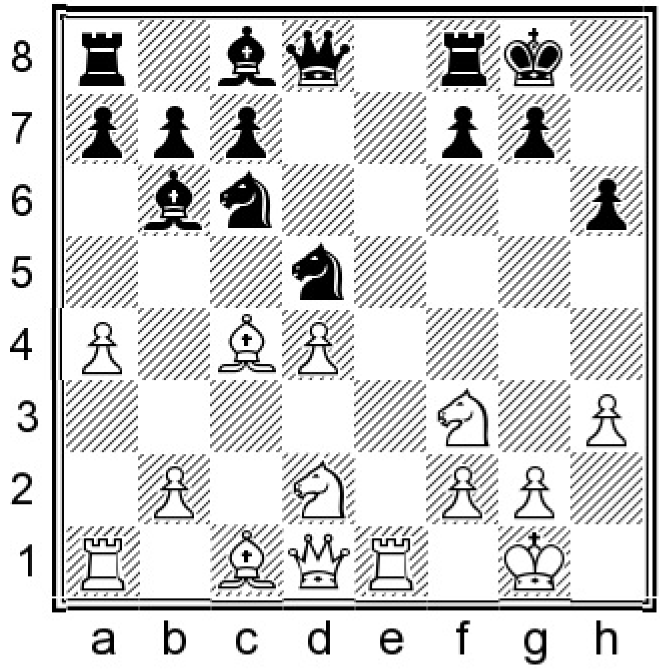
**9...♘e7 10.d4 ♘c6 11.a4 exd4N**

11...a5

**12.cxd4 d5**

12...♘xd4? 13.♘xd4 ♗xd4 14.♘b3 ♗c5 15.♘xc5 dxc5 16.♕c2± ♕d4? 17.e5 ♘h7 18.♗e3 ♕xe5 19.♗xc5; 12...♗xd4 13.♘xd4 ♘xd4 14.♖a3⩱ (14.b4!?⩱)

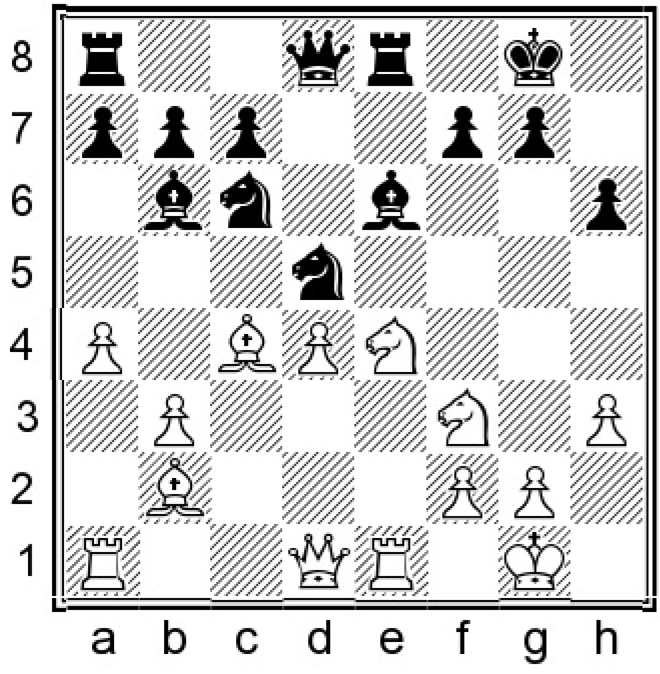
**13.exd5 ♘xd5**



**14.b3?**

14.♘e4 ♗e6 15.♖a3↑ a5 (15...♘e3? 16.♗xe3 ♗xc4 17.♗xh6 gxh6 18.♕c1+-; 15...♗a5 16.♗d2 ♗xd2 (16...♘e3? 17.♖axe3 ♗xc4 18.♗xa5 ♘xa5 19.♘e5 ♗d5 20.♖g3+-) 17.♕xd2±) 16.♘e5↑

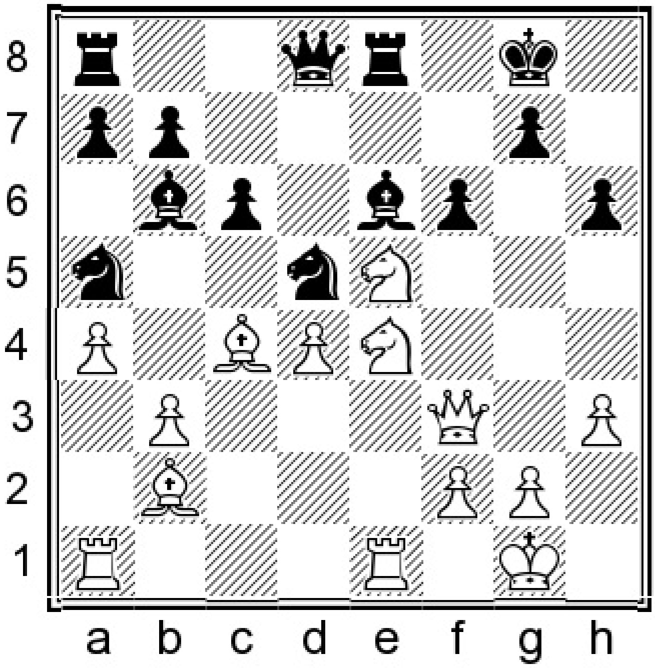
**14...♗e6 15.♘e4 ♖e8 16.♗b2**



**16...♘a5?**

16...♗a5! 17.♖e2 (17.♘fd2?! ♗b4∓ (17...♘f4∓)) 17...♘f4 18.♖e3 ♘d5 19.♖e2=

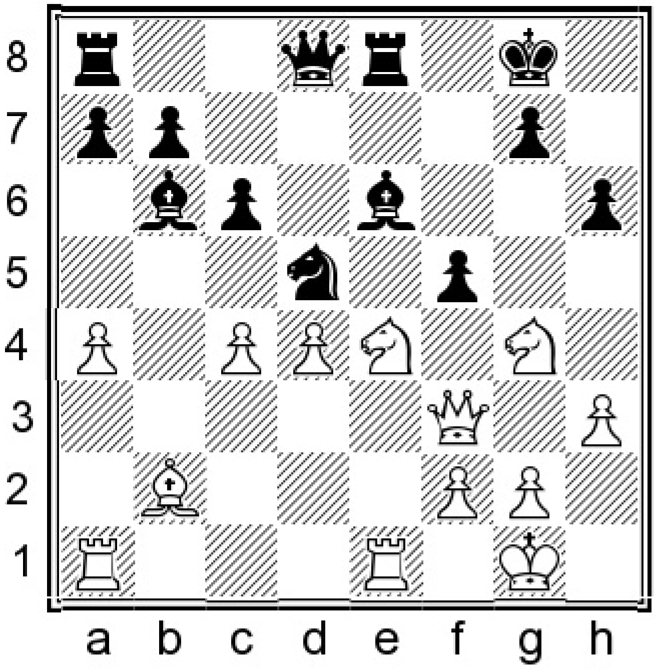
**17.♘e5→ c6 18.♕f3 f6?**



18...♗c7 19.♖ad1 ♕h4 20.♗d3! ♘xb3 (20...♕f4 21.♕e2+-) 21.♗b1 ♘a5 22.♗c1! ♘e7 23.♕d3 ♗f5 24.♘f3 ♕h5 25.g4 ♗xe4 (25...♕xh3 26.gxf5 ♕g4+ 27.♘g3 ♗xg3 28.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 29.♔f1+-) 26.♖xe4 ♕xh3 (26...♕g6 27.♖de1+-) 27.♖de1+-

**19.♘d3?**

19.♘g6±; 19.♘g4! ♘xc4 (19...f5? 20.♘ef6+ gxf6 21.♘xh6+ ♔g7 22.♖xe6! ♔xh6 23.♖ae1 ♖xe6 24.♖xe6 ♘xc4 25.bxc4 ♘c7 26.♕e3+ ♔g6 27.♖e7+-) 20.bxc4 f5



21.♘xh6+! gxh6 22.♘c5 ♘c7 23.♘xb7 ♕h4 (23...♕g5 24.d5 ♘xd5 (24...cxd5 25.c5+-) 25.a5! ♗c7 26.♖xe6! ♖xe6 27.cxd5 ♖g6 28.dxc6+-) 24.♘d6 ♖e7 25.♖xe6! ♖xe6 26.♘xf5 ♕g5 27.a5! ♖f6 28.g4

♖af8 29.♔h1+-

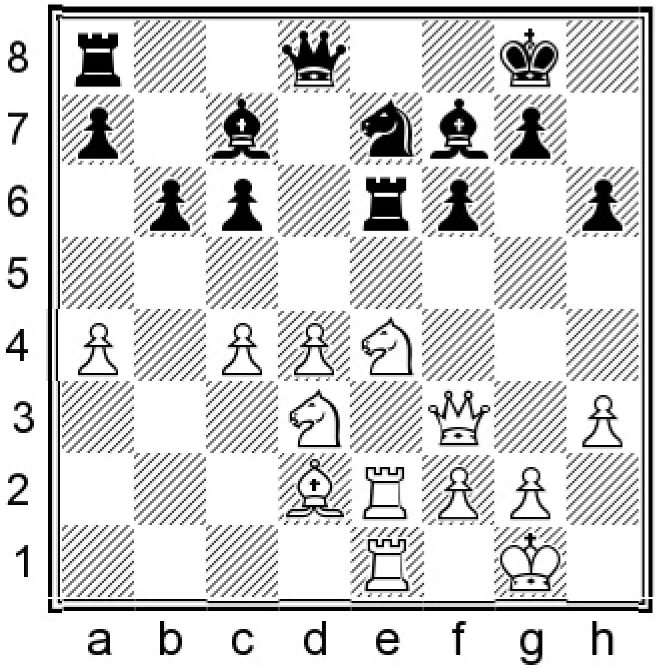
**19...♗f7 20.♖e2 ♗c7 21.♖ae1 b6**

RR21...♗d6! 22.♗xd5 (22.♗c1 ♗f8∞) 22...cxd5 23.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 24.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 25.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 26.♕xd5+ ♗f7 27.♕xa5 ♕g6=∞ Perunovic,Milos; 21...a6!∞

**22.♗c1! ♖e6**

RR22...♘xc4 23.bxc4 ♘e7 24.♗f4± Perunovic,Milos

**23.♗d2 ♘xc4 24.bxc4 ♘e7**



**25.♗xh6!?**

25.♗f4!? f5 26.♗xc7 ♕xc7 27.♘e5! ♖xe5 (27...♘g6 28.♘c3! ♘xe5 29.dxe5+-) 28.♘f6+ gxf6 29.dxe5±

**25...♕xd4**

25...♘g6! 26.♗xg7 ♔xg7 27.♘g3 ♗xg3! 28.♖xe6 ♗xe6 29.♖xe6 ♗c7∞

**26.♕g4??**

26.♗f4! ♗xf4 27.♘xf4±

**26...f5-+ 27.♗xg7 ♕xg7 28.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 29.♘g5 ♖xe2 30.♖xe2 ♘g6 31.♘e6+ ♗xe6 32.♖xe6 ♖d8 33.♖xc6 ♗b8 34.♘e1 ♘e5 35.♖e6 ♔f7 36.♖h6 ♖d1 37.♔f1 ♘xc4 38.♖h4 ♘e3+ 0-1**

**117. C54**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2714) - Karjakin, Sergey (2743)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/117, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.O-O h6 7.♖e1 O-O 8.h3 a6 9.a4 a5 10.d4 ♗b6**

10...♗a7 - 140/125

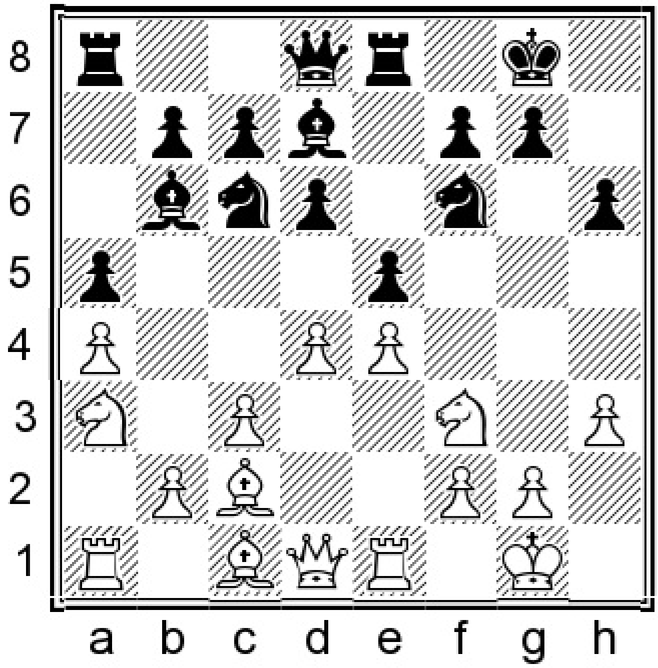
**11.♗b3N**

11.♗e3 exd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.exd5 ♘b4∞; 11.♗b5 ♗d7 12.♗e3 exd4 13.cxd4 ♖e8 14.d5 ♗xe3 15.♖xe3 ♘b4∞

**11...♖e8 12.♗c2 ♗d7**

⌓12...exd4 13.cxd4 (13.♘xd4?! d5!↑) 13...♘b4 14.♘c3 ♘xc2 15.♕xc2 c6 16.♗f4∞

**13.♘a3**



**13...♕c8?!**

13...exd4! 14.♘xd4 (14.cxd4 d5! 15.e5 ♘e4 16.♗xe4 (16.♘b5 f5↑) 16...dxe4 17.♖xe4 ♗f5 18.♖f4 ♕d7↑) 14...d5! 15.♘xc6 ♗xc6 16.e5 ♘e4 17.♗e3 ♗xe3 18.♖xe3 ♕g5∞

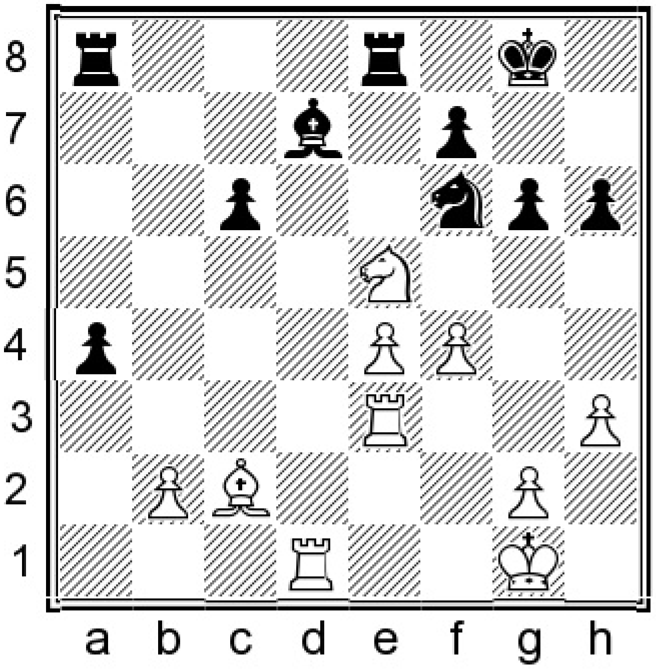
**14.♘b5 ♘a7 15.♘a3 ♘c6 16.♘b5 ♘a7 17.c4 ♘xb5 18.axb5 exd4 19.♘xd4 c6 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.♗f4 ♕a6**

21...♗c5 22.e5 dxe5 23.♗xe5 ♗xh3 (23...♘h7 24.♕h5 ♘g5 25.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 26.♕xf3±) 24.♗xf6! ♖xe1+ 25.♕xe1 gxf6 26.gxh3 ♗xd4 27.♕e4 ♕d8 28.♖d1 c5 29.♕h7+ ♔f8 30.♕xh6+ ♔e7 31.♖e1+ ♗e5 32.♕e3±; 21...d5 22.e5 ♘e4 23.♖a3±

**22.♗xd6 ♕a7 23.c5! ♗xc5 24.♗xc5 ♕xc5 25.♕d3 g6 26.♖ad1 a4 27.♕e3 ♕g5**

27...♖ab8 28.e5 (28.♕xh6 ♖xb2⇄) 28...♖xb2 29.♗xa4 ♖b4 30.♗b3±

**28.f4 ♕h4 29.♘f3 ♕g3 30.♘e5 ♕xe3+ 31.♖xe3**



**31...♖eb8??**

31...♖e7! 32.♖a3 ♖b8 (32...♗e8 33.♖xa4 ♖b8 34.b3±) 33.♗xa4 ♖xb2 34.♘xd7 ♘xd7 35.♗xc6 ♘c5 36.e5±

**32.♘xd7 ♘xd7 33.♖xd7 ♖xb2 34.♖e2**

34.♗d3 a3 35.♗c4 a2 36.♗xf7+ ♔f8 37.♗xa2 ♖axa2 38.♖g3+-

**34...a3 35.♖d1 a2 36.♖a1 c5 37.♔f2 ♖a3 38.♔e1 c4 39.♔d2 ♖g3 40.♔c1 c3 41.♔d1 h5 42.e5 1-0**

**118. C54**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2773) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**chess24.com (Int.-m1/3-rapid) 151/118, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.O-O O-O 7.♖e1 a5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 g5 10.♗g3 ♘h7 11.d4 ♗a7 12.h3 h5 13.♘bd2 h4 14.♗h2 g4**

14...exd4 - 148/110

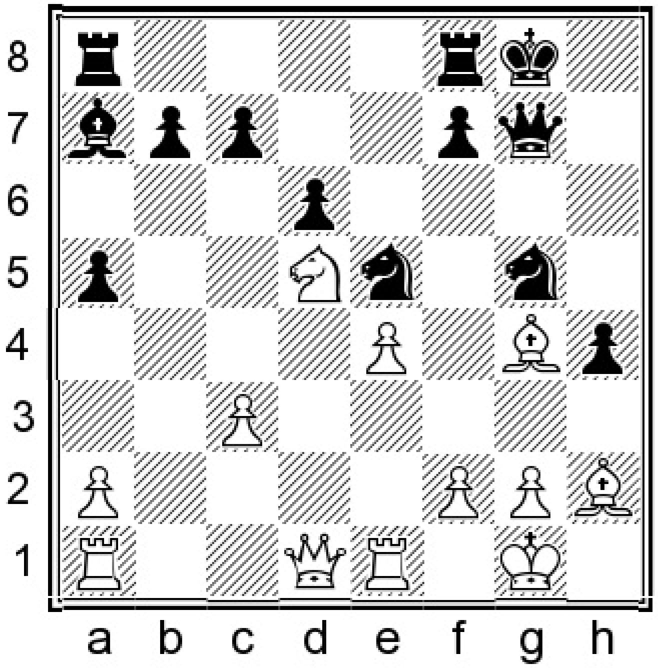
**15.hxg4 ♗xg4 16.♗e2N**

16.♗b5

**16...♕f6 17.♘c4 ♗xf3 18.♗xf3 ♘g5 19.♘e3**

19.♗g4!? exd4 20.f4 dxc3+ 21.♔h1 cxb2 22.♖b1 ♘e6 23.♖xb2♾

**19...exd4 20.♘d5 ♕g7 21.♗g4 dxc3 22.bxc3 ♘e5?**



22...♖ae8 23.♗f5 ♘e5 24.♔f1 h3 (24...c6 25.♘f4 ♕h6∞) 25.♗xe5 ♖xe5 26.gxh3 c6 27.♘f4 ♖c5∞

**23.♗xe5?!**

23.♖b1! h3 (23...♖ab8 24.♔f1±) 24.♖xb7 ♖fb8 25.♗xe5 dxe5 26.♖xc7±

**23...♕xe5 24.♗f5 ♖ae8?**

24...c6 25.♕h5 (25.♕g4 ♕g3!∓) 25...♗xf2+! 26.♔f1 (26.♔xf2 ♕g3+ 27.♔g1 cxd5 28.♗g4 ♕f4 29.♖f1 ♕e3+ 30.♔h2 ♘xe4∓) 26...f6 27.♕g6+ ♔h8 28.♕h6+ ♔g8=

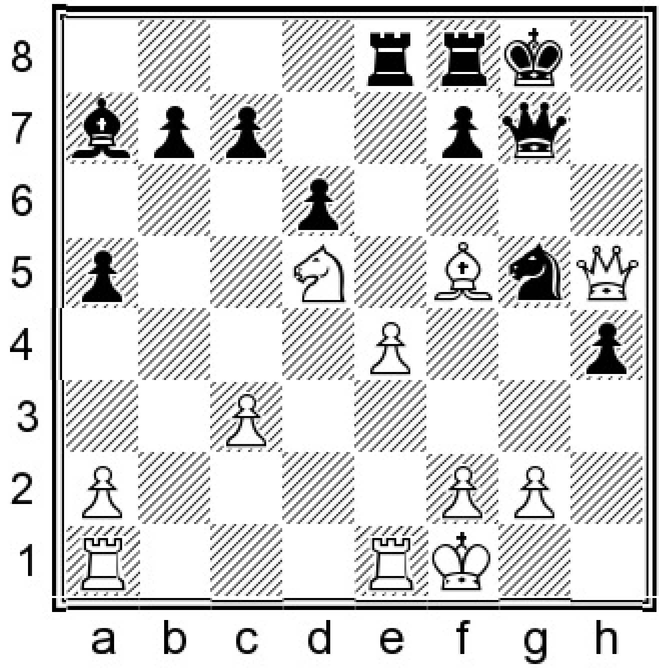
**25.♕h5**

25.♕g4 ♕g7 (25...f6 26.♔f1+-) 26.♘xc7 ♖e5 27.♘d5+-

**25...♕g7**

25...f6 26.♔f1 ♗xf2 27.♔xf2 c6 28.♖h1 ♕g3+ 29.♔f1 cxd5 30.♖xh4+-

**26.♔f1**



**26...c6?**

26...♖e6!! 27.♘xc7 (27.♗xe6? fxe6 28.♘e3 ♘xe4-+; 27.♖ab1 c6 28.♘f4 ♖h6 29.♕g4 ♘e6 30.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 31.♗xe6 fxe6 32.♖xb7+ ♔g8∞) 27...♖h6 28.♕e2 ♗c5 29.♘d5 ♔h8 30.♖ab1 b6∞

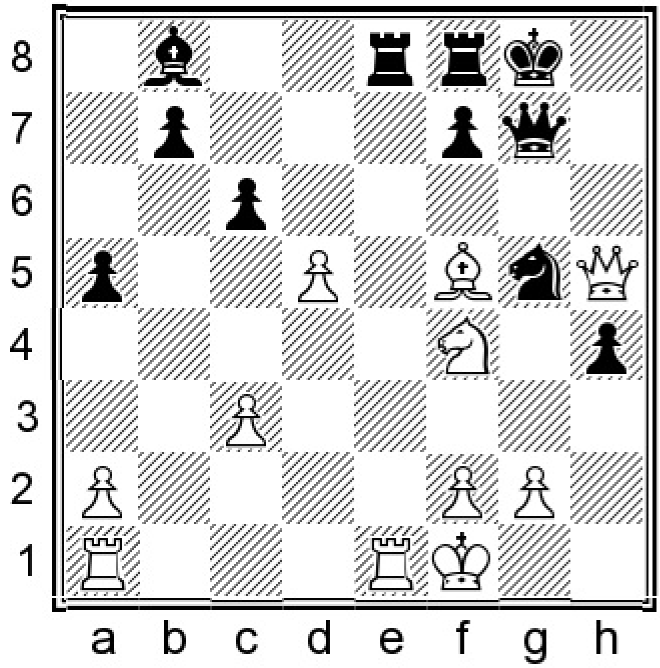
**27.♘f4**

27.♘e3! ♗xe3 (27...♘xe4 28.♘g4+-) 28.♖xe3 f6 29.♖ae1+-

**27...d5**

27...♘e6 28.♕xh4 ♘xf4 29.♕xf4 d5±

**28.exd5 ♗b8**



**29.♕xh4**

29.♖xe8! ♖xe8 30.♘e6! ♘xe6 31.dxe6 ♖e7 32.♖d1 ♗c7 33.♖d4+-

**29...♗xf4 30.♕xf4 cxd5 31.♖ad1 ♕f6 32.♕g4 ♕g7 33.♖xe8?**

33.♖xd5 ♖xe1+ 34.♔xe1 ♕xc3+ 35.♔f1 ♕a1+ 36.♖d1 ♕g7 37.g3+-

**33...♖xe8 34.♖xd5 ♘e4?**

34...♕h6! 35.♕xg5+ ♕xg5 36.♗h7+ ♔xh7 37.♖xg5 ♖c8 38.♖g3 (38.♖xa5 ♖xc3=) 38...♖c4=

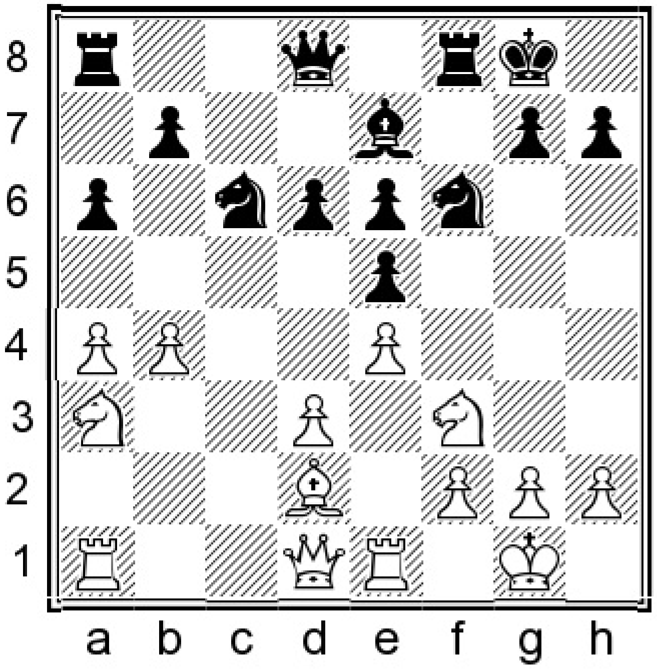
**35.♕xe4! 1-0**

**119. C55**
**Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752) - Aronian, Levon (2772)**
**Berlin (playoff-m/2-rapid) 151/119, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O 6.♖e1 d6 7.a4 ♘a5 8.♗a2 c5 9.c3 ♘c6 10.♘a3 ♗e6 11.♗xe6 fxe6 12.♗d2**

12.♘c2 - 100/222

**12...a6 13.b4 cxb4 14.cxb4**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**14...d5! 15.♘c2**

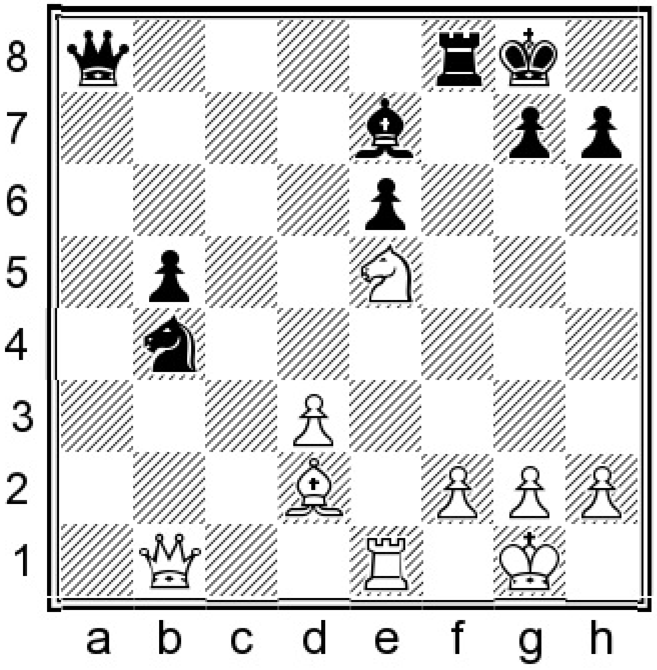
15.exd5 ♕xd5 16.♕e2 ♖ad8↑

**15...b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.♖xa8 ♕xa8 18.exd5 ♘xd5 19.♘xe5 ♘cxb4 20.♘xb4N**

20.♘d4 ♗c5 21.♘df3 ♘c6 22.♕e2 ♘xe5 23.♕xe5 ♖e8∞

**20...♘xb4 21.♕b3**

21.♕g4 ♕a2 22.♖e2 ♕b1+ 23.♗e1 ♖f5=; 21.♕b1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21...♗c5! (21...♕a2 22.♕xa2 ♘xa2 23.♘c6 ♗f6 (23...♔f7?! 24.♖b1±) 24.♖xe6±) 22.♗xb4 (22.d4

♗xd4 23.♘f3 ♖xf3! 24.gxf3 ♕xf3 25.♕e4 ♗xf2+ 26.♔f1 ♕h3+ 27.♔xf2 ♘d3+ 28.♔e2 ♘xe1 29.♔xe1 h6=) 22...♖xf2 23.♘f3 ♗b6! 24.♗a5 (24.d4? ♗xd4 25.♕e4 ♕xe4 26.♖xe4 ♗a7 27.♘d4 ♖f5!-+) 24...♗a7 25.♔h1 ♖xf3 26.♕a2 ♗f2! 27.♕xe6+ ♔h8 28.♕e8+ ♖f8=

**21...♕d5! 22.♖b1**

22.♕xd5 ♘xd5 23.♘c6 ♖a8=

**22...♕xe5**

22...♖a8!?↑

**23.♗xb4 ♗xb4 24.♕xb4 ♕e2= 25.♕c5 ♕xd3 26.♕xb5 ♕xb5 27.♖xb5 ♖d8 28.g3 ♔f7 29.♔g2 ♔f6 30.h4 h6 31.♖b4 1/2-1/2**

**120. C58**
**Erigaisi, Arjun (2633) - Gupta, Abhijeet (2628)**
**India (ch) 151/120, 2022**

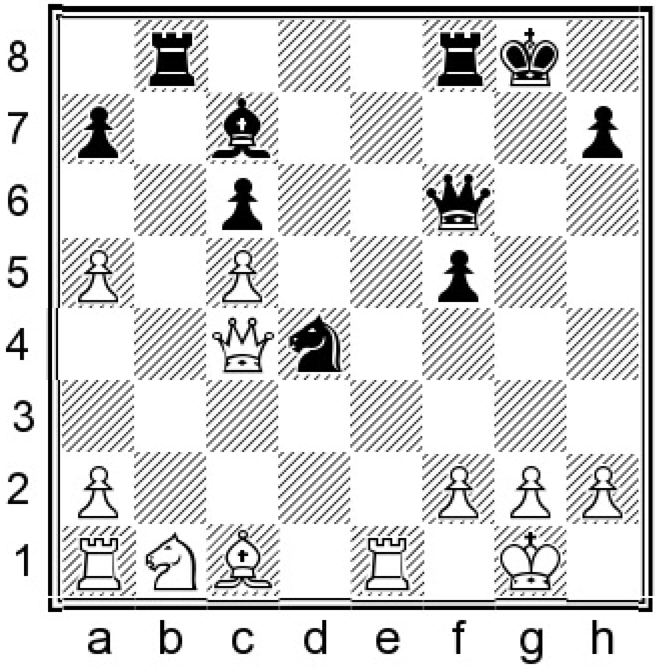
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.♘g5 d5 5.exd5 ♘a5 6.♗b5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.♗d3 ♘d5 9.♘f3 ♗d6 10.O-O O-O 11.♖e1 f5 12.♘xe5 ♕f6 13.♘f3 g5 14.c4 ♘f4 15.♗f1 g4 16.d4 gxf3 17.♕xf3 ♘e6 18.♕c3 ♘xd4 19.c5 ♗c7 20.b4 ♖b8 21.bxa5N**

21.f4? - 146/(110); 21.♗b2 - 146/(110)

**21...♗e6**

21...♗e5 22.♗c4+ ♔h8 23.♕e3 ♕g7 24.♘d2 ♗f6∞

**22.♗c4 ♗xc4 23.♕xc4+**



**23...♖f7**

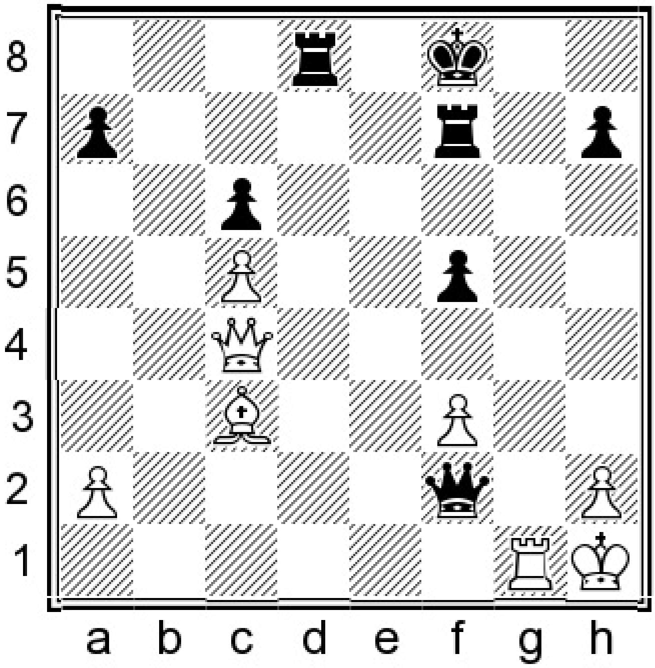
23...♔h8! 24.♔f1 (24.♗d2 ♗xh2+! 25.♔f1 ♗e5 26.f4 (26.♖xe5 ♕h4!) 26...♕h4 27.♖xe5 ♕h1+ 28.♔f2 ♖g8 29.♕f1 ♕h4+ 30.♔g1 ♖xg2+! 31.♕xg2 ♖g8 32.♖e3 ♖xg2+ 33.♔xg2 ♕g4+=) 24...f4 25.♘d2 f3 26.g3 ♘e2 27.♖b1 ♖xb1 28.♘xb1 ♗xa5 29.♗d2 ♕f5 30.g4 ♕e5 31.♗xa5 ♕xh2 32.♗c3+ ♘xc3 33.♕xc3+ ♔g8 34.♕c4+ ♔h8=

**24.♘d2 ♖d8?**

24...♘c2 25.♕xc2 ♕xa1 26.♘f3 ♕g7 27.h3∞

**25.♗b2 ♕h4**

25...♗xa5 26.♖ad1 ♗xd2 (26...♕h4 27.♔h1+-) 27.♖xd2 ♘f3+ 28.gxf3 ♕g5+ 29.♔h1 ♕xd2 30.♗c3 ♕xf2 31.♖g1+ ♔f8



32.♕f4! ♖d3 33.♕h6+ ♔e8 34.♖e1+ ♕xe1+ 35.♗xe1 ♖d1 36.♕xc6+ ♖fd7 37.♕e6+ ♖e7 38.♕c8+ ♔f7 39.♕xf5+ ♔e8 40.♔g2+-

**26.♗xd4?**

26.♔f1! ♗xh2 (26...♗xa5 27.♖ed1+-) 27.♗xd4 ♖xd4 (27...♕xd4 28.♕xd4 ♖xd4 29.♘f3+-) 28.♖e8+ ♔g7 29.♕c3 ♕f6 30.♖ae1 ♖d5 31.♕c2+-

**26...♖xd4 27.g3 ♖xc4 28.gxh4 ♖xc5= 29.♘b3 ♖c4 30.♖ac1 ♖g4+ 31.♔f1 ♗xh2 32.♖e8+ ♔g7 33.♖xc6 f4 34.f3 ♖g1+ 35.♔f2 ♖b1 36.♖e2 ♗g1+**

36...♗g3+ 37.♔g2 ♗xh4 38.♘c5 ♖f6 39.♖e7+ ♔g6 40.♖xf6+ ♗xf6 41.♖xa7 ♗d4 42.♖c7 ♖g1+ 43.♔h2 ♖f1=

**37.♔g2 ♗e3 38.♘c5 ♖f6 39.♖c7+ ♔g8**

39...♖f7 40.♖xf7+ (40.♖c6 ♖f6=) 40...♔xf7 41.♘e4 ♔g6=

**40.♘e4 ♖g6+?**

40...♖h6 41.♖ec2 (41.♔h3 ♖h1+ 42.♔g4 ♖1xh4+ 43.♔f5 ♖4h5+ 44.♘g5 ♖g6 45.♖g2 ♔f8=) 41...♖xh4 42.♖c8+ ♔g7 43.♖2c7+ ♔h6 44.♖c6+ ♔h5 45.♘f6+ ♔g5 46.♘e4+ ♔h5=

**41.♔h2 ♔f8?**

41...♗g1+ 42.♔h3 ♗e3 43.♖g2 ♖h1+ 44.♖h2 ♖xh2+ (44...♖b1? 45.h5+-) 45.♔xh2 h6±

**42.♖xh7 ♖gg1 43.♔h3 ♖bf1 44.♖c2! ♖xf3+ 45.♔h2 ♖c1 46.♖b2 1-0**

**121. C58**
**Fier, Alexandr (2573) - Leitao, Rafael Duailibe (2592)**
**Sao Paulo 151/121, 2022**

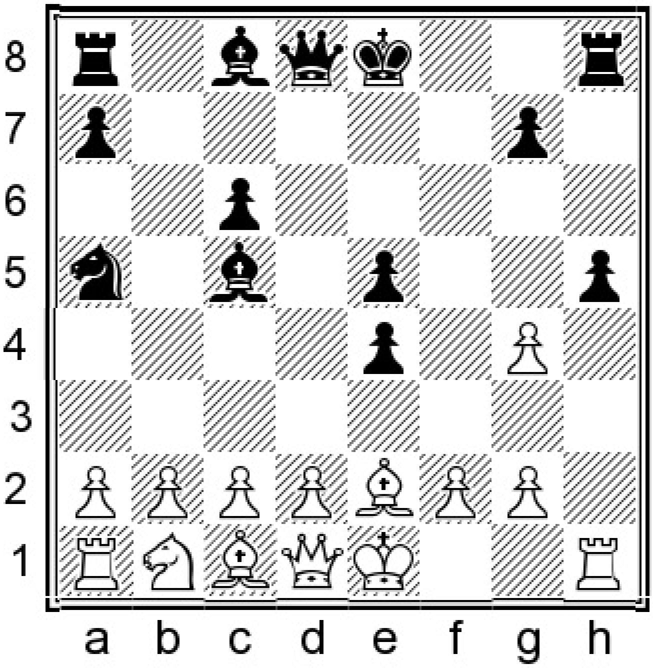
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.♘g5 d5 5.exd5 ♘a5 6.♗b5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.♗d3 ♘g4?!**

8...♘d5

**9.♘e4!**

9.♘h3 ♗d6 10.♘c3 O-O 11.O-O e4 12.♘xe4 ♗xh2+ 13.♔h1 ♗c7↑

**9...f5 10.♗e2! h5 11.h3 fxe4 12.hxg4 ♗c5**



**13.b4!**

13.♘c3 - 141/109

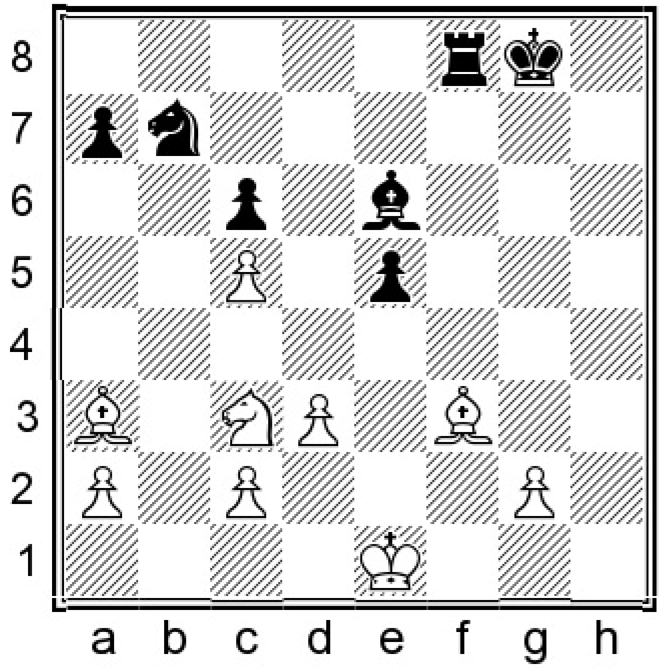
**13...♕d4 14.bxc5 O-O 15.O-O ♕xa1 16.♘c3 e3! 17.gxh5 exf2+ 18.♖xf2 ♖xf2 19.♔xf2 ♗e6 20.♗a3 ♕xd1 21.♗xd1 ♖f8+ 22.♔e1 g6! 23.d3 gxh5**

23...♔g7

**24.♗xh5 ♘b7**

24...♔g7

**25.♗f3**



25.♗b2 ♗f5= (25...♘xc5? 26.♗a3 ♖f5 27.g4+-)25.♗c1 ♔g7=

**25...♘d8N**

RR25...♖c8 26.♘e4 ♗f5 27.♘d2 ♗e6 28.c4 ♗f5 29.♔e2 ♗g6 30.♔e3 ♔f7 31.g4 ♔f6 32.♗g2 ♖d8 33.♗f1 ♖b8 34.♗b4 a5 35.♗c3 ♘xc5 36.♘f3 ♘d7 37.g5+ ♔e6 38.♘h4 ♖g8 39.♗xa5 ♔d6 40.♗h3 c5 41.♗e1 ♗h5=

**26.♗c1**

26.♗b2 ♗f5 27.♘e2 ♖e8 28.♘g3 ♗g6 29.♔d2

**26...♔g7**

26...♔f7

**27.a3?!**

27.♗e3

**27...♗d7! 28.♘e2**

28.♗e3 ♘e6 29.♔d2 ♘d4 30.♗xd4 exd4 31.♘e2 ♖f5 32.♘xd4 ♖xc5 33.♗xc6! ♖xc6 34.♘xc6 ♗xc6 35.g3=

**28...♘e6 29.♗b2 ♔f6 30.♔d2?!**

30.d4 exd4 31.♘xd4 ♘xd4 32.♗xd4+=

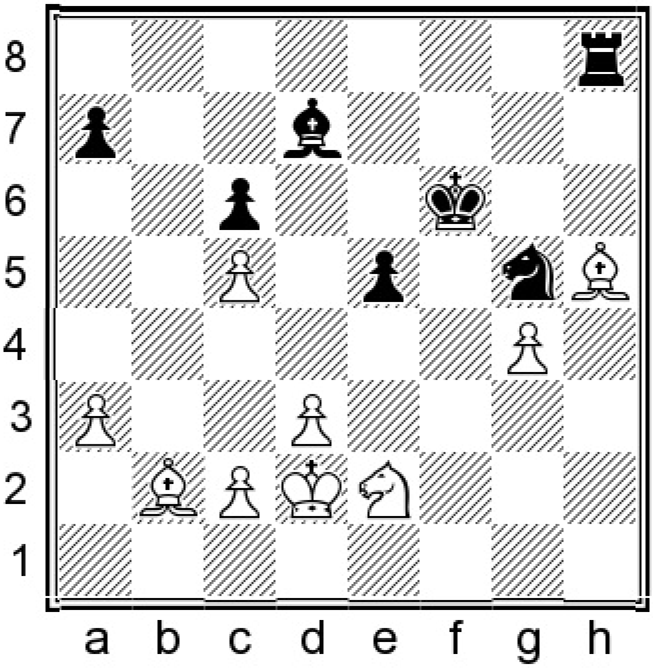
**30...♘g5!**

30...♘xc5!? 31.d4 ♘a4 32.dxe5+ ♔e6 33.♗a1 c5 34.♘c3∓

**31.♗h5**

31.♔e3!=

**31...♖h8 32.g4?!**



32.♗f3∓

**32...♗e8! 33.♘g3**

33.♘d4?! ♗xh5 34.gxh5 ♖b8 35.♘b3 ♔e6∓

**33...♗xh5 34.gxh5**

34.♘xh5+ ♔e6 35.♘g7+ ♔d5-+

**34...♔e6 35.♔e3 ♖f8 36.♔e2 ♘h3 37.♔e3 ♘g5**

37...♘f2! 38.♗c1 ♘g4+ 39.♔d2 ♖f2+ 40.♔c3 ♖h2-+

**38.♔e2 ♘h3 39.♔e3 ♘g5 1/2-1/2**

**122. C63**
**Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2651) - Paravyan, David (2642)**
**Riga (blitz) 151/122, 2021**

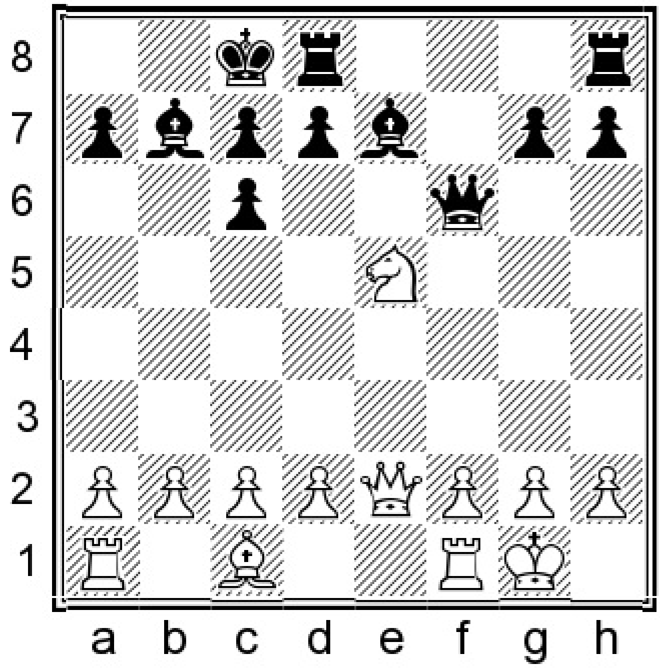
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 f5 4.♘c3 fxe4 5.♘xe4 ♘f6 6.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 7.♕e2 ♗e7 8.♗xc6 bxc6 9.♘xe5**

**♗b7!?**

9...♕e6 - 113/109

**10.d4N**

10.O-O O-O-O

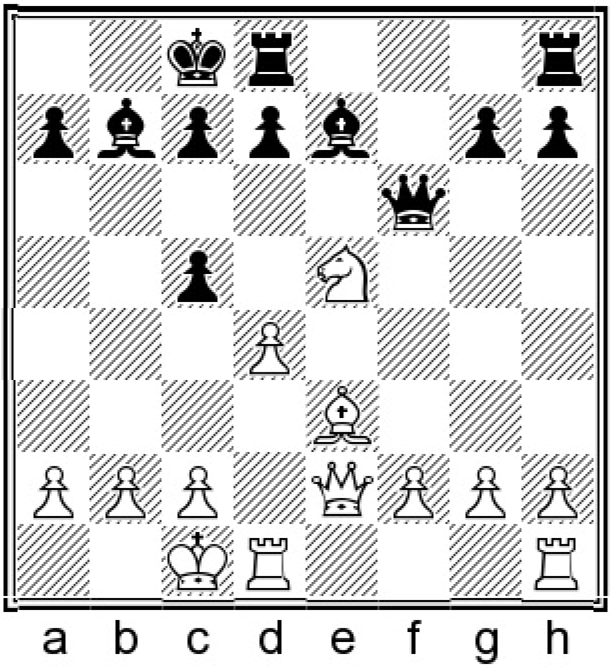


11.b3!? (11.d3 ♖de8 12.♘c4 h5 13.♕e3 h4!? (13...♔b8 14.♗d2 c5 15.♖ae1±) 14.♕h3 (14.♕xa7 c5 15.h3 ♕g6 16.f3 ♖hf8 17.♘a5 ♗d5 18.c4 ♖xf3 19.♗g5 ♕xg5 20.cxd5 ♕e3+ 21.♔h1 ♖xh3+=) 14...♔b8 15.♗d2 d5 16.♗c3 d4 17.♗d2 ♗c8 18.♕f3 ♕xf3 19.gxf3 c5=∞ Δ Bb7) 11...♕f5 (11...♖he8 12.d4 c5 13.c3 ♕f5 14.♕d3 ♗e4 15.♕e3 ♗b7 16.♕f4 ♕e6 17.f3 cxd4 18.cxd4 d6 19.♘c4 h5!? (19...♕d5 20.♕g4+) 20.♗b2 g5 21.♕d2 g4=∞) 12.♗b2!? (12.♘c4 ♖he8 13.♘e3 ♕e5 14.♖b1 ♗d6 15.f4 ♕e4 16.♕g4 ♗c5=∞) 12...♕xc2 13.♘c4 ♖he8!? (13...♖de8 14.♕h5 ♗f6 15.♕c5! ♕g6 (15...♔b8 16.♗xf6 d6 17.♖ac1!± Δ♕g6? 18.♘xd6!+-) 16.♗xf6 d6 17.♕xa7 c5 18.f3 gxf6 19.♘a5 ♗d5 20.♕a6+ ♔d8 21.♖f2±) 14.♕g4 (14.♕h5 ♗f6 15.♕c5 ♔b8 16.♗xf6 d6 17.♖ac1 ♕g6 18.♕g5 gxf6=) 14...c5 15.♖ac1 ♕d3 16.f3 ♔b8!? 17.♕xg7 d5 18.♖ce1 ♗f8 19.♖xe8 ♖xe8 20.♕f7 ♖c8 21.♘e5 ♕xd2 22.♘d7+ ♔a8 23.♘xf8 ♕xb2 24.♘e6 ♕e5⇄

**10...O-O-O**

10...d6!? 11.♘g4 (11.♘d3 O-O (11...♕xd4? 12.O-O±) 12.O-O ♕f7 13.♖e1 ♗f6 14.♗e3 ♖ae8 15.c3 a5!?=∞) 11...♕g6 12.♗d2!? O-O-O (12...♕xc2 13.O-O O-O-O 14.♕xe7 ♕xd2 15.♕xg7 ♖hg8 16.♕xh7 ♕xd4 17.h3±) 13.O-O-O (13.O-O c5⇄) 13...♖he8 14.♖he1 ♗f6 15.♗e3 ♗e7!? 16.f3 h5 17.♘f2 ♕e6 18.♘e4 ♕xa2 19.♕d3 c5⇄

**11.♗e3 c5 12.O-O-O**



12.O-O ♕e6 (12...♗a6 13.c4 cxd4 14.♗xd4 ♕f5 15.♘g4 Δ Ne3±; 12...♖he8 13.c3 ♗a6 14.♕c2!? ♗xf1 15.♖xf1 cxd4 16.cxd4 ♗d6 17.f4±) 13.♖fe1 ♖hf8 14.♘d3 c4 15.♘e5 ♕d5 16.♕f1±

**12...♕e6! 13.♕c4**

13.♔b1 cxd4 14.♗xd4 d6 15.♕c4 ♗d5 16.♕a6+ ♗b7=

**13...♕xc4 14.♘xc4 ♗xg2 15.♖hg1 ♗f3 16.♖d2 ♗d5 17.b3**

17.♘e5 d6 18.♘d3 cxd4 19.♗xd4 ♖hg8 20.♗xa7 ♖df8 21.♗e3 ♖f5 22.♘b4 ♗f3 23.c4 ♖h5⇄

**17...g6**

17...cxd4 18.♗xd4 (18.♖xd4 ♗a8 19.♖f4 ♗f6 20.♗xa7 ♖hf8 21.♗e3 g5⇄) 18...♗xc4 19.bxc4 ♖hg8 20.♗xa7 ♔b7 21.♗d4 ♖df8 22.♖xg7 ♗g5 23.♖xh7 ♗xd2+ 24.♔xd2 d6 25.h4 ♖f4=

**18.dxc5 ♗xc4 19.bxc4 ♔b7 20.♖d3 ♖hf8= 21.♖gd1 ♔c6 22.♖a3 ♗xc5 23.♗xc5 ♔xc5 24.♖xa7 ♔b6 25.♖a3 ♖xf2 26.♖h3 ♖e8**

26...♖a8 27.♔b2 ♖f7 28.♖d5 ♔c6=

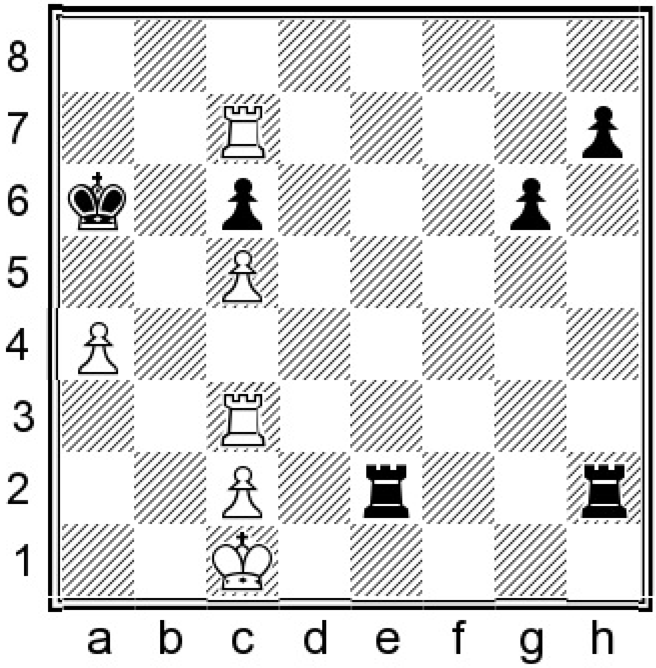
**27.♖xd7 ♖ee2 28.♖c3 ♖xh2 29.a4 c6**

⌓29...♖e5 30.♔b2 (30.♖b3+ ♔c6 31.♖f7 ♖c5 32.♖f6+ ♔d7 33.♖d3+ ♔e7 34.♖f4 g5∓) 30...♖h4 31.♖g7 ♖c5 32.♔b3 ♔a5 33.♖g8=

**30.c5+ ♔a6**

30...♔a5?? 31.♖a7+ ♔b4 32.♔b2 ♖e8 33.a5 ♔b5 34.♖b7+ ♔a6 35.♖cb3+-

**31.♖d6 ♔b7 32.♖d7+ ♔a6 33.♖c7**



**33...♖e6??⊕**

33...♖e5! 34.♖xc6+ ♔b7 35.♖f6 ♖he2! 36.c6+ ♔c7 37.♖b3 ♖e6=

**34.♖b3+- 1-0**

**123. C65**
**Onyshchuk, Volodymyr (2620) - Kryvoruchko, Yuriy (2685)**
**Ukraine (ch) 151/123, 2021**

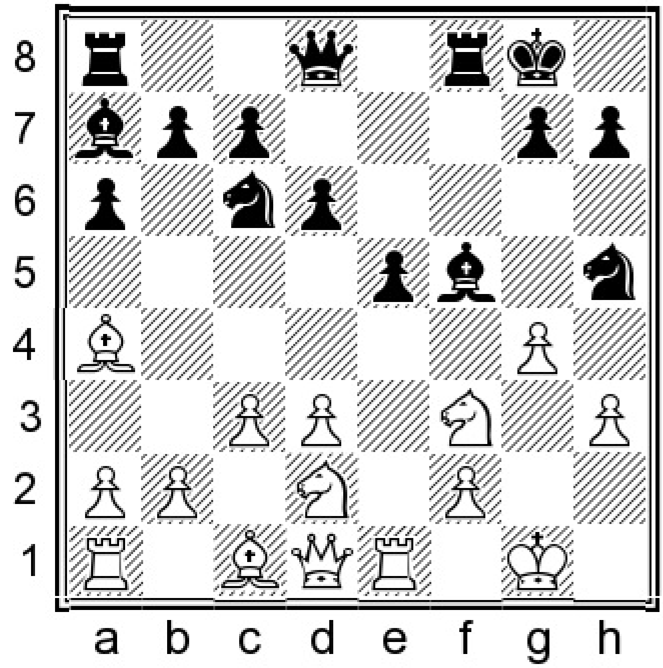
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.♘bd2 O-O 6.c3 d6 7.O-O a6 8.♗a4 ♗a7 9.h3 ♘h5!?**

9...♘e7 - 112/(182)

**10.♖e1**

10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.♘xe5 (11.d4∞) 11...♘f4 12.♘ef3 (12.♘xc6 ♕g5 13.♕f3 ♘xh3+ 14.♔h1 ♗g4 15.♕g3 ♘xf2+ 16.♖xf2 ♗xf2 17.♕xf2 ♖ae8∞) 12...♘xd3 13.♘c4 ♘xc1 14.♖xc1∞

**10...f5 11.exf5 ♗xf5 12.g4?N**



12.d4 exd4 (12...♔h8 13.♘f1∞) 13.♘xd4 ♘xd4 14.cxd4 ♗xd4 15.♘f3 ♗b6 16.♗g5 ♘f6 17.♘d4 ♗xd4 18.♕xd4=∞; 12.♘f1 h6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 ♗g6 15.♗e3 ♘f4 16.♗xc6 bxc6 17.♗xf4 ♖xf4 18.♕c1 ♖xf3 19.gxf3 ♕h4 20.♕xc6 ♖f8=

**12...♗xd3**

12...♗g6!! 13.gxh5 ♗xh5 14.♕b3+ (14.d4 ♕f6 15.♗b3+ ♔h8 16.♗d5 exd4-+) 14...d5 15.♕xb7 ♘a5 16.♕b4 ♕f6 17.♗d1 ♕g6+ 18.♔h1 (18.♔f1 ♕xd3+ 19.♗e2 ♕f5-+) 18...♗xf2 19.♖f1 ♕g3 20.♖xf2 (20.♘h2 ♗xd1 21.♖xd1 ♗d4!-+) 20...♕xf2 21.♕xa5 c6-+

**13.gxh5 d5**

13...♕d7! 14.♔g2 ♗f5 15.♘e4 (15.♖h1 ♔h8 16.♘h4 ♗e6∓) 15...♗xh3+ 16.♔h2 ♗g4 17.♘xe5 ♗xd1 18.♘xd7 ♗xa4 19.♘xf8 ♘e5! 20.♔g2 ♖xf8∓

**14.♗xc6 bxc6 15.♖xe5 ♕f6 16.♕e1 ♗e4 17.♖xe4**

17.♘xe4 ♕xf3 18.♗e3 dxe4 19.♗xa7 ♖xa7 20.♖d1∞

**17...dxe4 18.♕xe4 ♖ae8 19.♕c4+ ♔h8 20.♔g2 ♕d6**

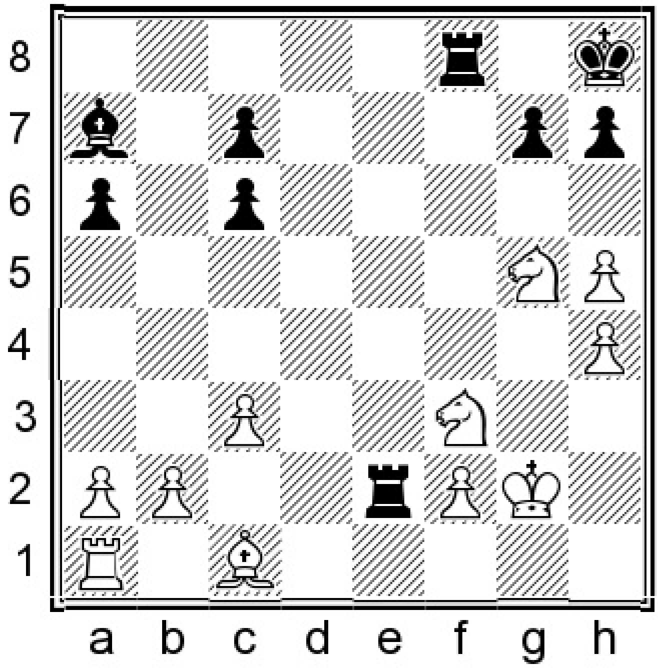
20...♖e5 21.b3 ♖g5+ 22.♔h1 ♖f5 23.♘e4 ♕e7 24.♗g5 ♕e8 25.♘ed2 ♕xh5 26.♕g4 ♕xg4 27.hxg4 ♖xf3 28.♘xf3 ♖xf3=

**21.♘e4?**

21.♘f1 ♗xf2 (21...♕d1 22.♘1h2∞) 22.♔xf2 ♕d1 23.♕g4 ♕e2+ 24.♔g1 ♖xf3 25.♗e3□ ♖fxe3 (25...♖ef8 26.♕g2 ♖xe3 27.♘xe3 ♕xe3+ 28.♔h1∞) 26.♘xe3 ♕xe3+ 27.♔h1 h6∞

**21...♕d1 22.♘fg5?**

22.♘eg5 ♕e2 23.♕xe2 ♖xe2 24.h4



24...♗xf2! (24...♖xf2+? 25.♔g3 h6 26.♘e5! hxg5 (26...♔g8 27.♘gf3∞) 27.♘g6+ ♔g8 28.♘xf8 gxh4+ 29.♔xh4 ♔xf8=) 25.♔f1 ♖c2 26.♗d2 (26.♘d2 ♗xh4+ 27.♘gf3 ♖xf3+ 28.♘xf3 ♖f2+ 29.♔g1 ♖xf3 30.♗d2∓) 26...♗xh4 27.♔e2 ♗xg5 28.♘xg5 ♖xb2∓

**22...♕d5!-+ 23.♕xd5 cxd5 24.♘d2 ♖xf2+ 25.♔g3 ♖ee2 26.♘df3 ♔g8 27.♘h4 ♖f1 28.♔g4 ♖g1+ 29.♔f4 c6 30.♔f5 ♖ee1 31.♘gf3 ♖xc1 32.♖xc1 ♖xc1 33.♘e5 d4 0-1**

**124. * C67**
**Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2643) - Navara, David (2691)**
**Riga 151/124, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♗f6 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.♗f4 ♖xe1 12.♕xe1 ♘e8 13.♕c3!?**

13.♘c3 ♗xd4 14.♘d5=∞ - 144/101

**13...d5 14.♘d2 ♗f5!?N**

14...c6 15.♖e1 g6 16.b4 (16.a4!? ♘g7 17.♘f3 ♘e6 18.♗e5 ♗xe5 19.♘xe5 a5 20.h3 Δ g4) 16...♘g7 17.♘b3 ♘e6 (17...♗f5 18.♗e5 ♘e6 19.♗xf6 ♕xf6 20.a4 ♘g5 21.a5 ♘e4 22.♕e3 ♖e8 23.♕f4 g5⇄) 18.♗e5 ♗d7 19.♕g3 ♗xe5 20.♖xe5 ♕f8 21.a3 ♖d8 22.♖e1 b6 23.c4 dxc4 24.♗xc4 ♗c8 25.♕e5 (25.♕f3 ♖d6 26.h4 ♕d8⇄) 25...h5!? (25...♕g7 26.♕b8±; 25...♖d6 26.h4 h5 27.♘d2 ♕d8 28.♘f3↑) 26.h4 ♕g7=

**15.♖e1 c6**

15...a5!? 16.♘b3 a4 17.♘c5 b6 18.♘a6!? (18.♘d3 c5 19.♗e5 ♗xd3 20.♕xd3 ♗xe5 21.dxe5 ♘c7 22.f4 ♕e7 23.g3 c4 24.♕d4 ♕c5=) 18...c5 19.♗e5 c4 20.♘b4 ♕d7 (20...♖c8 21.♗xf6 ♘xf6 22.g3±)

21.g3 ♗e7 22.a3 (22.♘xd5 ♕xd5 23.♗g2 ♕a5 24.♗xa8 ♕xa8 25.♕xc4 ♗e4∞) 22...♗xb4 23.♕xb4 ♗xc2 24.♕xb6 ♗f5 25.♗g2 ♗e6∞

**16.♘b3N**

16.♗d3 - 151/(124) 16...♗xd3 17.♕xd3 ♘c7 18.♘f3 ♘e6 19.♗e5 ♗e7= Tari,A (2642) -Karjakin,S (2758) Stavanger 151/(124) 2021; 16.b4 ♘c7 17.a4 (17.♘b3 ♘b5 18.♕d2 b6 19.a4 ♘d6∞) 17...♘e6 18.♗e5 a5⇄

**16...♘c7 17.♗e5**

17.♘a5 ♕c8 18.♗e5 ♘e8∞

**17...♘e6**

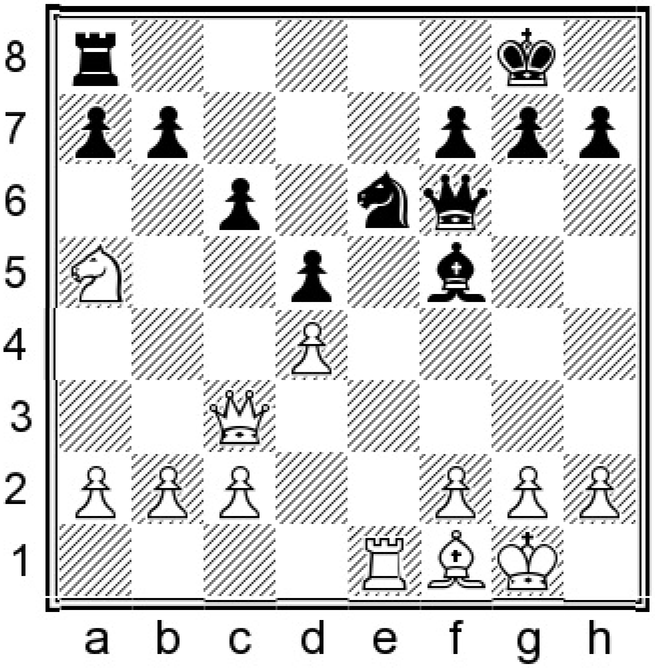
17...♘e8 18.♘c5 b6 19.♘d3 ♖c8 20.♕d2 ♗xe5 21.♘xe5 ♘d6 22.g4 ♗e6 23.♗g2 ♕c7 24.b3 c5 25.c4 dxc4 26.d5 ♗d7 27.bxc4 ♖e8 28.♕c3 f6 29.♘xd7 ♖xe1+ 30.♕xe1 ♕xd7 31.♕e2=; 17...♗xe5 18.dxe5 (18.♖xe5 g6 19.h3 ♕d6 20.g4 ♗e6∞) 18...♘e6 19.♕d2 c5 20.c3 a5 21.a4 h6 22.♗b5 ♖c8 23.♘c1 d4⇄

**18.♘a5! ♕e7**

18...♗xe5 19.♖xe5 ♗xc2 20.♘xb7 ♕b6 21.♘c5±; 18...♕d7 19.♗xf6 gxf6 20.♘b3 b6 21.♕d2 ♔g7 22.c3 ♕d6 23.♘c1 ♕f4 24.♖e3±; 18...♗e7!? 19.♘xb7 ♕b6 20.♕b3 ♗xc2 21.♕xc2 ♕xb7 22.g3 ♖e8 23.♗h3 ♗f8 24.♖e3 g6 25.♖b3 ♕d7 26.♖c3 c5 27.dxc5 d4 28.♖d3 ♕d5⇄

**19.b4**

19.♗xf6 gxf6 (19...♕xf6 20.♕b4! b6 21.♘xc6 ♗xc2 22.♕d6! ♗a4 23.♘e7+ ♔h8 24.b3 ♖d8 25.♖xe6 ♖xd6 26.♖xf6 ♖xf6 27.bxa4 ♖e6 28.♘xd5 ♖e4 29.♘e3 ♖xd4 30.♗c4±) 20.♕d2 ♕c7 21.♖e3 b6 22.♘b3 ♕f4 23.c3 ♔h8



24.g3±

**19...♗e4⇄ 20.♘b3 ♖d8 21.a3**

21.♗xf6 ♕xf6 22.f3 ♗g6 23.♖e5 h5⇄

**21...♗xe5 22.dxe5 d4**

22...h5!?

**23.♕d2 ♗d5 24.♘c1 c5 25.f4 g6 26.♘e2**

26.bxc5 ♘xc5 27.♘e2 d3 28.cxd3 ♗c4 29.♘c1 ♘e6⩱

**26...b6 27.f5**

27.♘g3 ♕h4↑

**27...gxf5 28.♘g3 f4 29.♘h5 ♕g5 30.♘f6+ ♔g7 31.♕f2 ♔h8 32.♗d3 h6**

32...c4!? 33.♗xh7 ♗c6 34.♗e4 ♗xe4 35.♘xe4 ♕g6 36.♘d6 ♔g7 37.♔f1 ♖h8 38.h3 c3⇄

**33.bxc5 bxc5 34.♘xd5 ♖xd5 35.♕e2 f3**

35...♔g7 36.♔h1 f3 37.gxf3 ♘f4 38.♕d2 ♘g6 39.♕xg5 hxg5 40.e6=

**36.♕xf3 ♖xe5 37.♖xe5 ♕xe5 38.♕xf7 ♕e3+ 39.♔f1= ♕c1+ 40.♔f2 ♕e3+ 41.♔f1 ♕c1+ 42.♔f2 ♕e3+ 43.♔f1 ♕c1+ 1/2-1/2**

**125. C67**
**Svane, Rasmus (2594) - McShane, Luke J (2675)**
**Deutschland 151/125, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♗f6 10.♖e2 b6 11.♖e1 ♖e8 12.♗f4 ♖xe1 13.♕xe1 ♘e8**

13...♗xd4?? 14.♗xd6 ♗xb2 (14...cxd6 15.♕e4+-) 15.♗xc7 ♕f8 16.♘d2 ♗xa1 17.♕xa1+-; 13...♗b7?! 14.♗xd6 cxd6 15.c3±; 13...♕e7 - 130/121

**14.♘c3 ♗b7 15.♕d2N**

15.♕e3

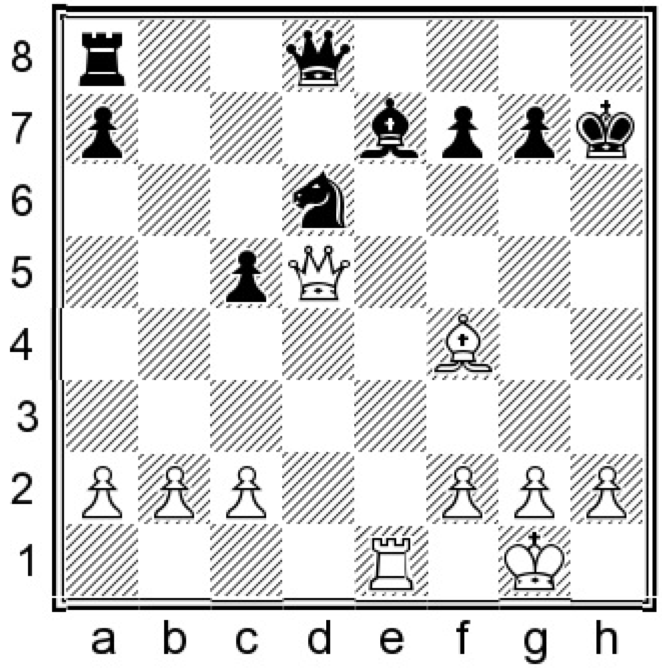
**15...d5 16.♖e1 ♘d6**

⌓16...g6

**17.♗d3 c5?**

17...♗xd4 18.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 19.♕xd4±; 17...♘c4 18.♗xc4 dxc4 19.♗e5 ♗xe5 20.♖xe5±

**18.dxc5 bxc5 19.♘xd5! ♗xd5 20.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 21.♕xd5 ♗e7**



21...♘b5 22.♕xf7 ♖c8 23.c3±; 21...♘e8 22.♕xf7 ♗xb2 23.♕h5+ ♔g8 24.♖d1 ♕c8 25.♕d5+ ♔h7 26.♕e4+ ♔g8 27.♖d3±; 21...♕a5! 22.c3 ♖e8 (22...♖d8 23.♗xd6 ♕b6 24.♕f5+ ♔g8 25.♗xc5 ♕xb2 26.♕b1! ♖b8 27.♕xb2 ♖xb2 28.a3±) 23.♖xe8 ♘xe8 24.♕e4+ g6 25.♕xe8 ♕xa2 26.h4±

**22.♖e3?!**

22.♗xd6 ♗xd6 23.♖d1 ♖b8⇄; 22.♔f1!! ♖c8 (22...♖b8 23.♖xe7! ♕xe7 24.♗xd6+-) 23.♗xd6 ♗xd6 24.♖d1 ♕f6 25.♕xd6 ♕xb2 26.♕d3+ ♔g8±

**22...♗f8?!**

22...♖b8! 23.♗xd6 (23.♖h3+ ♔g8 24.♕h5 f6 25.♕h7+ ♔f7 26.♕h5+=; 23.g4 ♔g8 24.♖h3 ♖b6 25.♕h5 f6 26.♕h7+ ♔f7 27.♕h5+=) 23...♕xd6 24.♕e4+ ♔g8 25.♕xe7 ♕xe7 26.♖xe7 ♖xb2=

**23.♖h3+ ♔g8 24.♕h5 f6 25.♕h8+ ♔f7 26.♕h5+ ♔g8 27.g4 ♕e8?**

27...♖b8? 28.♗xd6 ♕xd6 29.g5 fxg5 30.♕h7+ ♔f7 31.♖f3+ ♔e8 32.♕f5+-; 27...♘b5? 28.g5 fxg5 29.♗xg5 ♕d5 30.c4 ♕f5 31.cxb5+-; 27...c4□ 28.g5 ♕a5 29.♕h7+ ♔f7 30.♗xd6 (30.g6+ ♔e7 31.♖e3+ ♔d7 32.♕g8 ♕d2 33.♕e6+ ♔c6 34.♗xd6 ♗xd6 35.♕xc4+ ♗c5=) 30...♗xd6 31.♕h5+ ♔e6 32.♖e3+ ♗e5 33.f4 ♕d2 34.♕h3+ ♔d6 35.fxe5+ fxe5±

**28.♕h7+ ♔f7 29.♕h5+ ♔g8 30.♕h7+ ♔f7 31.♖e3+- ♕c6 32.g5 fxg5 33.♗xd6 ♗xd6**

33...♕xd6 34.♖f3+ ♔e8 35.♕e4++-

**34.♕f5+ ♔g8 35.♕e6+ ♔f8 36.♖e5! 1-0**

# C75-C99

**126. C77**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2702) - Grandelius, Nils (2672)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/126, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 g6 7.O-O ♗g7 8.♖e1 O-O 9.♘bd2 ♖e8 10.♘f1 b5 11.♗c2 a5!?**

11...♗b7 - 99/(229)

**12.♗g5N**

12.a4; 12.♘e3

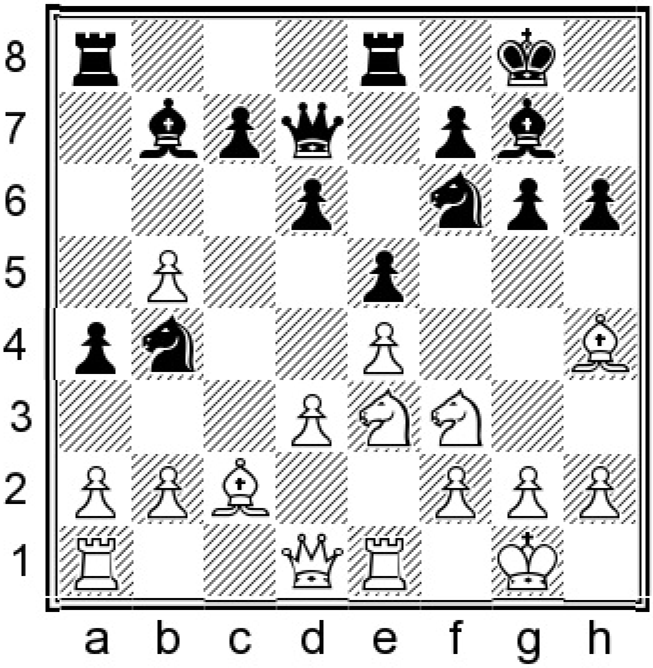
**12...h6 13.♗h4**

13.♗xf6 ♗xf6 14.a4 b4 15.♗b3 ♖b8 16.♘e3 ♗g7 17.h3 ♗d7∞

**13...a4 14.♘e3 ♗b7 15.c4 ♘b4?!**

15...bxc4

**16.cxb5 ♕d7**



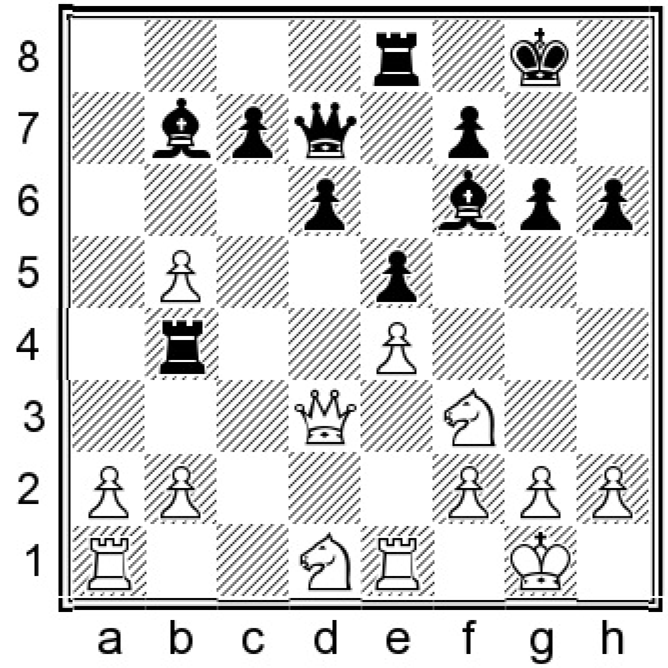
**17.♗xf6!?**

17.♗xa4?! g5 18.♗xg5!? (18.♗g3?! ♘xd3 19.♕xd3 ♖xa4 20.b3 ♗xe4 21.♕d1 ♖b4 22.a4 c6⇄) 18...hxg5 19.♗b3 ♕xb5 20.♘xg5 d5□ 21.♕f3∞

**17...♗xf6?!**

17...♘xc2 18.♕xc2 (18.♗xg7?! ♘xe3 19.♖xe3 ♔xg7 20.d4 ♕xb5 21.dxe5 dxe5∞) 18...♗xf6 19.♖ac1 ♕xb5 (19...♖ec8 20.♕d2!? ♗g7 (20...♕xb5? 21.♘g4 ♗g7 22.♘xh6+ ♔f8 23.♕g5+-) 21.♕b4±; 19...♗d8 20.b4!? ♕xb5 (20...axb3? 21.♕xb3+-) 21.a3± ×Bd8, a4) 20.♕xc7 ♖ed8 21.♕c4 ♕b6 22.♕c2±

**18.♗xa4± ♘xd3□ 19.♕xd3 ♖xa4 20.♘d1!? ♖b4□**



**21.a4?!**

21.♘c3! ♖xb2 22.a4 c6!? 23.♘d2 ♖b4 (23...cxb5?! 24.♘xb5! ♗c6 (24...d5 25.♕c3+-) 25.♕c3 ♖xb5 26.axb5 ♗xb5 27.♕b3+-) 24.♘c4 d5 (24...cxb5? 25.♘b6! ♕e6 (25...♕d8 26.a5□ ♗c6 27.♘cd5 ♖d4 28.♕b3+-) 26.♘cd5 ♗xd5 27.♘xd5 ♖xa4 28.♘c7 ♕d7 29.♘xe8 ♕xe8 30.♕xd6 ♗g7 31.g3+-) 25.♘a5 ♖a8 (25...d4?! 26.♘xb7 ♕xb7 27.bxc6 ♕xc6 28.♘d5 ♖b7 29.♖ec1 ♕d6 30.♖cb1!? ♖xb1+ 31.♖xb1±) 26.♘xb7 ♕xb7 27.a5!? d4 28.bxc6 ♕xc6 29.♘d5 ♖b7 30.♖ec1 ♕d6 31.a6 ♖ba7 32.♕a3 ♕xa3 33.♖xa3 ♗d8 34.♖c6±

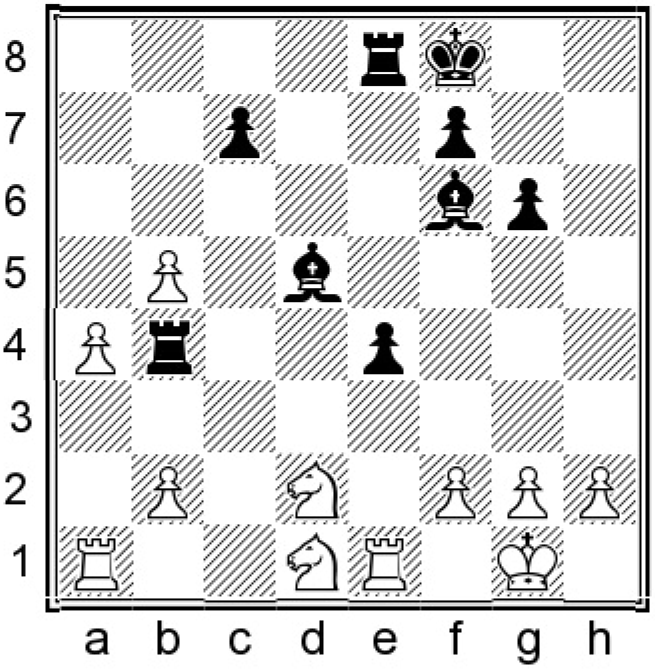
**21...d5!?⇄ 22.♕d2 ♕d6□ 23.exd5 e4!?**

23...♗xd5?! 24.♘e3 ♗e6 25.♕xd6 cxd6 26.b3!? ♖xb3 27.♘d2 ♖d3 (27...♖b4? 28.♖eb1 ♖d4 29.♘df1+-) 28.♘e4 ♗e7 29.♖ed1 ♖xd1+ 30.♖xd1 ♖a8 31.♘c3±

**24.♕xh6 ♕f8?**

24...♕xd5!? 25.♘e3 ♕d8 26.♘g4 ♗g7 27.♕f4 ♕e7=∞

**25.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 26.♘d2 ♗xd5**



**27.♖e3?**

27.♘c3! ♗a8 28.♖a2±

**27...♗d4**

27...♖a8 28.♖ea3 ♗e5∞

**28.♖ea3 f5⇄ 29.g3 g5 30.♘e3**

30.a5 f4!? 31.gxf4 gxf4 32.♘c3 ♖xb2 33.♘xd5 ♖xd2 34.♖3a2□ e3!? (34...♗xf2+ 35.♔f1 ♖xd5 36.♖xf2 f3 37.a6 ♖xb5 38.a7 ♖a8 39.♖fa2=) 35.fxe3 fxe3 36.♘xe3□ ♗xe3+ 37.♔h1 ♖d6∓

**30...♗xe3**

30...♖xb2 31.♘xd5 (31.♖d1 ♗e6 32.♘dc4 ♗xc4 (32...♗c5?! 33.♘xb2 ♗xa3 34.♘bc4 ♗c5 35.♘d5⩲) 33.♖xd4 ♗e2 34.♖a1 f4 35.♘f1 e3 36.fxe3 fxe3=∞ ×Kg1) 31...♖xd2 32.♖3a2 ♗xf2+ 33.♔f1 ♖xd5 34.♔xf2 f4∞

**31.fxe3 ♖xb2∞ 32.♘f1 ♗c4?**

32...♖a8=∞

**33.♖c3 ♗e2 34.♖ac1 ♖a8**

34...♗f3 35.♖3c2 ♖b4 (35...♖xc2 36.♖xc2+-) 36.♖xc7 ♖xa4 37.b6+-

**35.♖3c2 ♖xc2 36.♖xc2 ♗f3 37.♖c4**

37.♖xc7?? ♖xa4=∞

**37...♔e7**

37...♖a7 38.♘d2+-

**38.♖xc7+ ♔e6 39.♖c4 ♗e2 40.♖b4 ♖c8 41.♘d2 ♗d3 42.b6 ♖c1+ 43.♔f2 ♖c2 44.b7 1-0**

**127. C78**
**Perunovic, Milos (2538) - Grigoriants, Sergey (2546)**
**Magyarorszag 151/127, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗c5 6.c3 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.a4 ♗g4 9.h3 ♗h5 10.d3**

10.d4 ♗b6∞

**10...♖b8 11.axb5 axb5 12.♖e1 O-O 13.♘bd2 b4**

13...♖a8 - 71/341

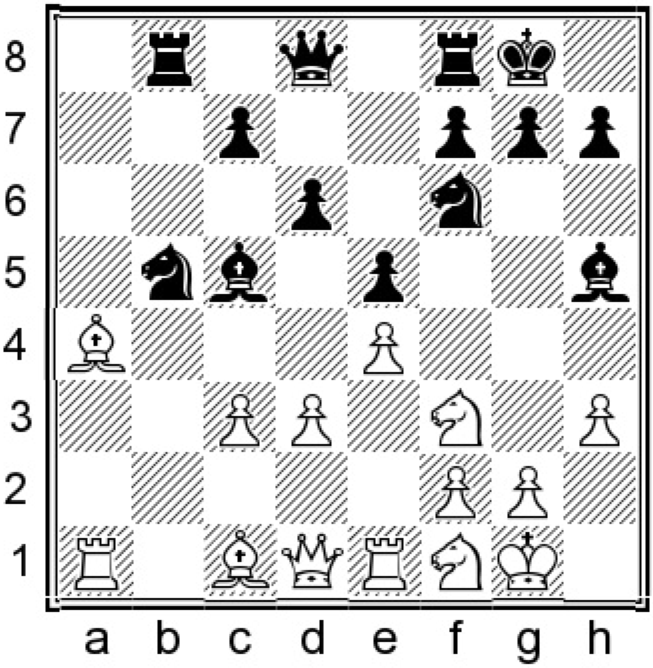
**14.♗a4 bxc3 15.bxc3 ♘a7?!N**

15...♘e7 16.♘f1 h6 17.♘g3 ♗g6 18.♘h4⩲

**16.♘f1**

16.♘b3! ♗b6 17.♗g5 h6 18.♗h4 g5 19.♗g3 c6 20.d4±

**16...♘b5**



**17.♗d2**

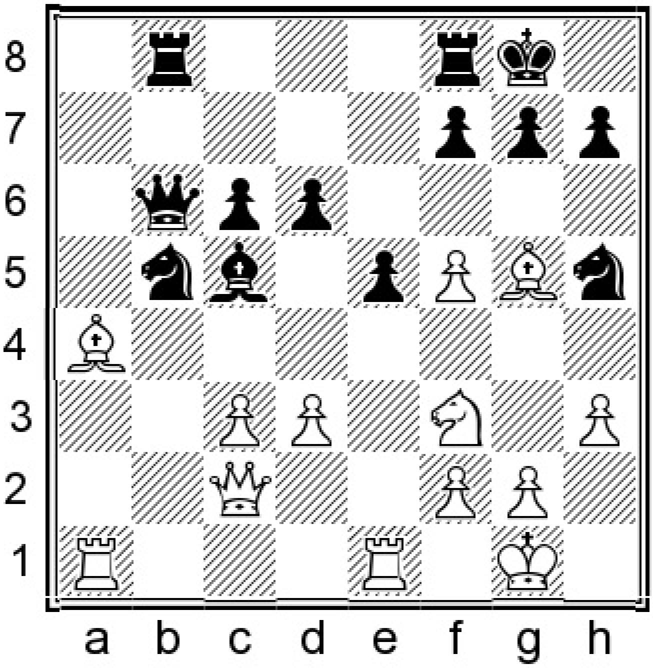
17.♗xb5! ♖xb5 18.♘g3 ♗g6 (18...♗xf3 19.♕xf3±) 19.♗g5 h6 20.♗h4 ♗b6 (20...♗h7? 21.♘h5! g5 22.♖a8! ♕xa8 23.♘xf6+ ♔g7 24.♘xh7 ♔xh7 (24...♖h8 25.♘hxg5 hxg5 26.♗xg5+-) 25.♘xg5+ ♔h8 26.♕h5 ♔g7 27.♕g4+-) 21.d4±

**17...♗g6 18.♘g3 c6 19.♕c2?!**

19.♗xb5! ♖xb5 20.♗g5±

**19...♕b6 20.♗g5 ♘h5 21.♘xh5?!⊕**

21.♘f5 ♗xf5 22.exf5



22...♘xc3! (22...h6 23.♗h4!±) 23.♕xc3 ♗xf2+ 24.♔h2 f6 25.♗h4 ♗xe1 26.♗xe1 ♔h8∞

**21...♗xh5 22.g4**

22.♘h4 ♘xc3! 23.♕xc3 ♗xf2+ 24.♔h2 f6 25.♖eb1 ♕xb1! 26.♖xb1 ♖xb1∞

**22...f6 23.♗e3 ♗f7 24.♗xb5 ♗xe3 25.♖xe3**

25.♗c4 ♗xc4 26.dxc4 ♗c5 27.♖eb1 ♕c7 28.♔g2=

**25...♕xb5 26.♘h4 g6 27.♘f3 d5**

27...♕b2 28.♕xb2 ♖xb2 29.♖a6 ♖c8 30.♖a7∞

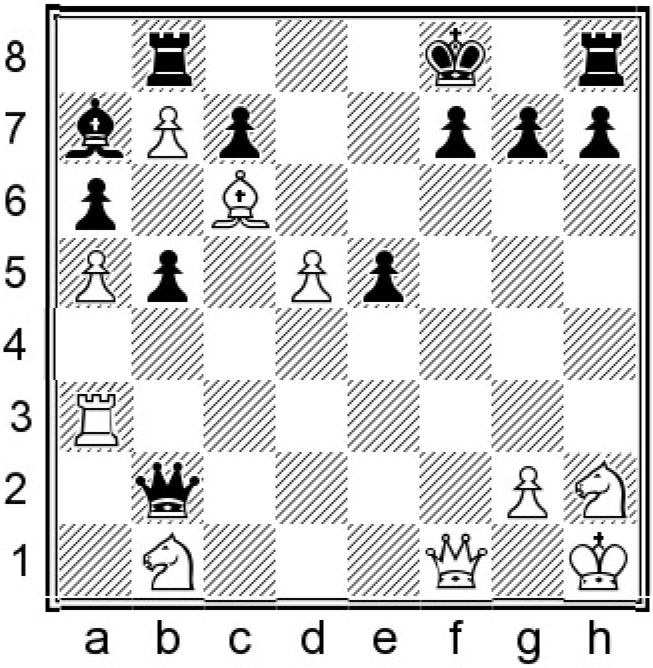
**28.♔g2 ♕c5 29.♕d2 ♖fd8 30.♕c1 ♖b3 31.d4 exd4 1/2-1/2**

**128. C78**
**Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2651) - Shirov, Alexei (2673)**
**Terme Catez 151/128, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.a4 ♖b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♗b6 10.a5 ♗a7 11.h3 ♗b7 12.♗e3 ♘xe4 13.♘bd2!?**

13.♖e1 exd4 (13...♘e7 14.♘bd2 (14.dxe5 - 150/126) 14...♘xd2 15.♗xd2! O-O 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.♘xe5 ♘g6 18.♗e3 ♗xe3 19.♖xe3 ♕g5 20.♕g4±) 14.cxd4 d5 15.♘c3 ♘e7 16.♘xe4 (16.♘e5 O-O 17.♘xe4 dxe4 18.♖c1 ♗d5 19.♗xd5 ♕xd5 20.♖xc7 ♖b7 21.♕c2 h6 22.♖d1 ♖d8 23.b4 ♖xc7 24.♕xc7 ♗b8

25.♕xe7 ♗xe5=) 16...dxe4 17.♘g5 ♗d5 18.♘xe4 (18.♗xd5 ♕xd5 19.♘xe4 O-O 20.♕c2 ♘f5=) 18...O-O 19.♗c2 (19.♗g5 ♗xb3 20.♕xb3 h6 21.♗xe7 ♕xe7 22.♘c5 ♕d6=) 19...♗xe4 20.♗xe4 ♘d5 21.♕c2 ♘xe3 22.fxe3 ♔h8!? 23.♗xh7 (23.b4 ♕e7⇄) 23...c5! 24.dxc5 ♕g5⇄; 13.d5 ♗xe3 14.dxc6 ♘xf2 15.♕e2 ♘xh3+ 16.♔h1 ♘f2+ 17.♖xf2 ♗xf2 18.cxb7!? (18.♕xf2 ♗xc6 19.♘xe5 ♗xg2+ 20.♔g1 O-O 21.♘xf7 ♕e7∞ - 149/120) 18...♗a7 19.♗d5 ♕d7!? 20.♘d4 ♕e7 21.♗c6+ ♔f8 22.♘f3 ♕e6!? (22...d5 - 149/118) 23.c4 d5 24.cxd5 ♕h6+ 25.♘h2 ♕c1+ 26.♕f1 ♕xb2 27.♖a3



27...e4!⇄ 28.♖c3 ♖d8 (28...e3 29.♘f3 ♕b4 30.♖c2±) 29.♘g4 (Δ Ne5) 29...♕b4! 30.♖h3 ♕d4! 31.♘c3 h5 32.♕c1 g5! 33.♘e2 ♕g7 34.♕a3+ ♖d6 35.♘e3 g4 36.♘f5 ♕f6∞

**13...exd4!?**

13...♘xd2 - 150/125

**14.cxd4 ♘xd2 15.♕xd2 O-O 16.♖fe1 ♕d7**

16...d5 17.♗f4 ♕d7 18.♖ac1 ♖be8 (18...♖fe8? 19.♘e5 ♘xe5 20.♗xe5 f6 (20...♖bc8 21.♕g5+-) 21.♖xc7 ♕e6 22.f4 fxe5 23.♖xe5 ♕g6 24.♖xb7!±) 19.♘e5 ♘xe5 20.♗xe5 c6 (Δ f6) 21.♗xg7 ♔xg7 22.♕g5+ ♔h8 23.♕f6+=

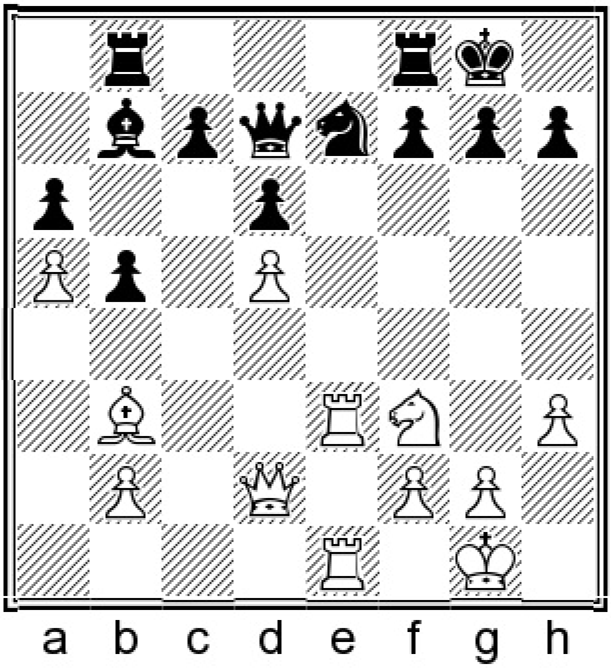
**17.d5=∞ ♗xe3 18.♖xe3N**

18.♕xe3 ♘e5 (18...♘d8 19.♕d3↑ (19.♕d4 c5!) 19...g6 20.♕d4! ♗a8 (20...c5? 21.♕f6+-) 21.♕h4 f6 22.♘d4±) 19.♘xe5 dxe5 20.♕xe5 ♖bd8 21.♖ac1 ♖fe8 22.♕d4 ♖xe1+ 23.♖xe1 ♕d6 24.♕a7 (24.♕e3 h6=) 24...♗xd5 25.♗xd5 ♕xd5 26.♕xa6 h5=

**18...♘e7**

18...♘e5 19.♘xe5 dxe5 20.♖xe5 ♖fe8 21.♖ae1 ♖xe5 22.♖xe5 ♖d8 23.♕e3 ♔f8 Δ Qd6=

**19.♖ae1**



**19...♘f5!?**

19...♘g6 20.h4!? h5 21.♗c2 ♖be8 22.♘g5 ♖xe3 23.♖xe3 ♘e5 24.♘h7 ♖e8 25.♕e2 ♕e7 26.♕xh5 ♗xd5 27.♖g3 (27.♘g5 ♕f6 28.♗h7+ ♔f8 29.♗f5 ♔g8= (29...♔e7? 30.♘h7±)) 27...♗e6 28.f4 ♗g4 29.♖xg4 ♘xg4 30.♕xg4 ♕e2 31.♘f6+ ♔f8 32.♘d7+ ♔g8 33.♘f6+=

**20.♖c3 ♖fe8 21.♖ec1 ♖bc8 22.♘d4 ♘h4**

22...♘xd4 23.♕xd4 ♕f5 24.♖xc7 ♕g5 25.♖1c3±

**23.♖g3!?**

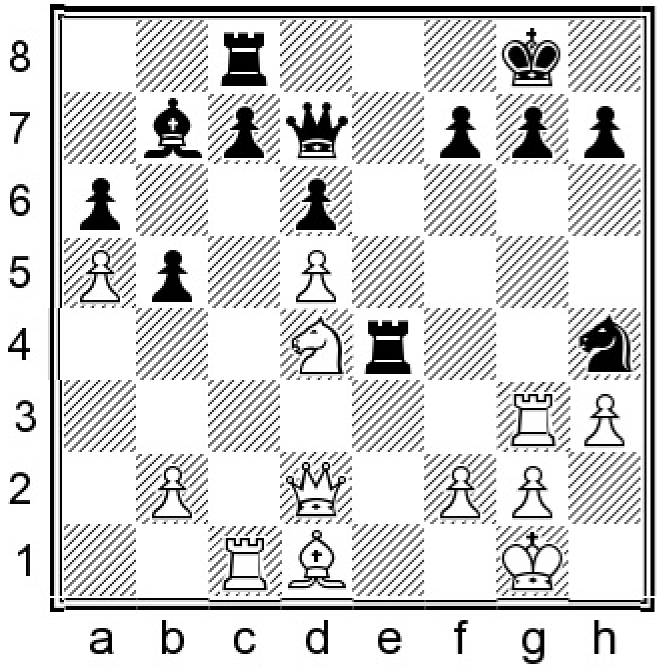
23.♕g5 ♕e7 24.♕xe7 ♖xe7 25.♘c6 (25.g3 ♘g6 26.f4 h5 27.♘f5 ♖d7 28.♖e3 ♔f8 29.♖ce1 h4⇄) 25...♖ee8 26.♗c2 g6 27.♔f1 ♔g7=

**23...♖e4**

23...♕d8!? 24.♘c6 ♕f6 25.♗d1 ♖e4 26.♗f3 (26.♗g4 ♖ce8) 26...♖c4 27.♖xc4 bxc4 28.♗e2 ♗xc6 29.dxc6 ♖b8 30.♖c3 d5 31.♕xd5 ♖xb2 32.♕xc4 g6 33.♖b3=

**24.♕d3**

24.♗d1



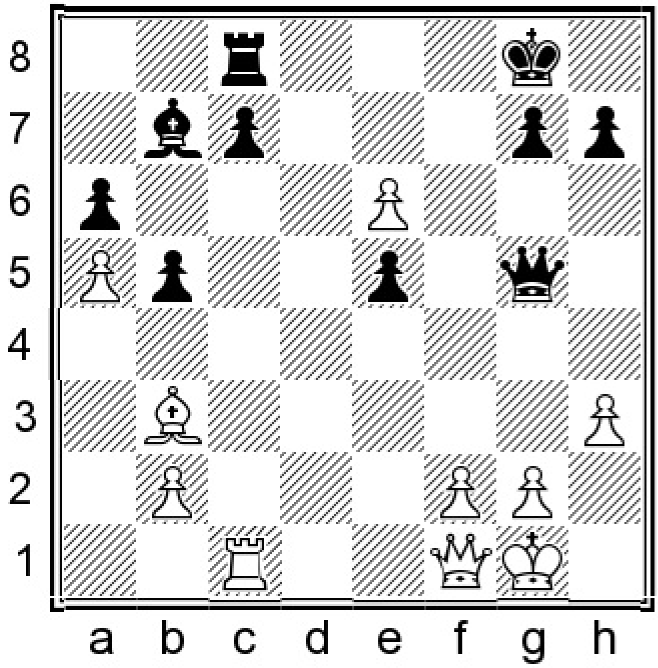
24...♕e7! 25.♖gc3 (25.♖e3 ♗xd5 26.g3 ♕e5 27.♗g4 f5 28.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 29.♗xf3 c6! 30.♗xe4 fxe4∓) 25...♖e1+ 26.♔h2 ♕e5+ 27.f4 ♕xd5 28.♖g3 ♖xd1! 29.♖xd1 c5 30.♘b3 ♕xd2 31.♖xd2 ♔f8∓; 24.♘c6 ♘g6 25.♗d1 ♖ce8 26.♗g4 f5 27.♗h5 ♖c4 28.♖xc4 bxc4 29.♖xg6 hxg6 30.♗xg6 ♗xc6 31.dxc6 ♕e6=

**24...♕e7?!**

24...♖ce8?! 25.♘e6! ♖4xe6 26.dxe6 fxe6 27.♖g4 ♘g6 28.f4 d5 29.♗c2 ♘f8 30.♕d4±; 24...♖ee8 25.♗c2 ♘g6 26.♘f5 ♖e5 27.♘e3 f5!? (27...♖ce8 28.♕d4 c5! 29.dxc6 ♕xc6 30.♔h2 ♕c7 31.♗xg6 ♕xc1 32.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 33.♕h4+ ♔g8 34.♕f6 ♔f8 35.♖xg7 ♖8e7 36.♖h7 ♔e8 37.♕xd6 f6 38.♖h8+ ♔f7 39.♖h7+=) 28.♘xf5 ♗xd5 29.♕d2 ♗b7 (29...♗f7 30.♘e3 ♔h8 31.♔h2=∞) 30.♘xg7 (30.♘h6+ ♔h8 31.♘g4 ♖d5 32.♕e1 c5 33.♘e3 ♖e8 34.♗xg6 hxg6 35.♖xg6 ♕e7 36.♕c3 ♖g5 37.♖xg5 ♕xg5⇄) 30...♕xg7 31.f4 ♕h6 32.♖d1 ♖e7 33.f5 ♕xd2 34.♖xd2 ♗e4=

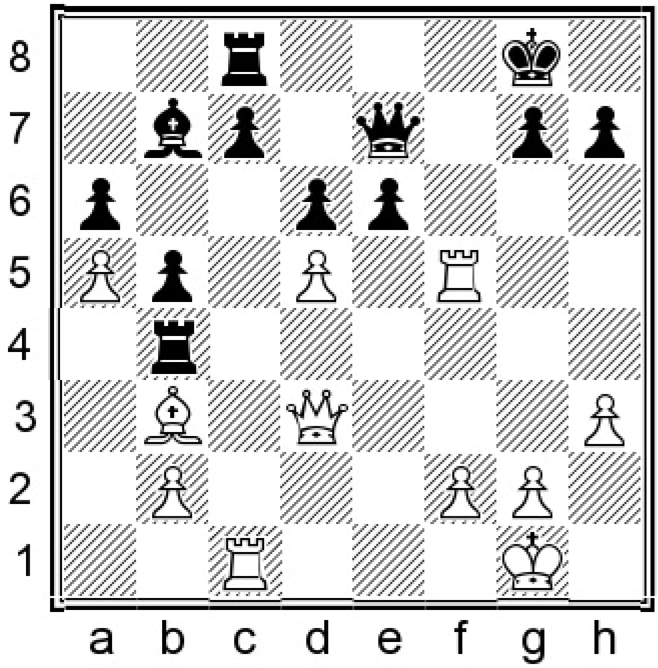
**25.♘e6! ♘f5 26.♖f3↑ ♖b4?**

26...♖e5 27.♖xf5 fxe6 (27...♖xf5 28.♕xf5 fxe6 29.dxe6 c6 30.♗c2 g6 31.♕g4 ♖f8 32.f4 ♔h8 33.f5 gxf5 34.♗xf5 c5 35.♗e4 ♖g8 36.♕f3±) 28.dxe6 (28.♖xe5 dxe5 29.dxe6 ♕g5 30.♕f1



30...♗xg2! 31.h4 ♗xf1+ 32.hxg5 ♗c4 33.♗xc4 bxc4 34.♖c3 c5 35.♖xc4 ♖c6=) 28...c5 29.♖xe5 c4 (29...dxe5? 30.♖xc5!+-) 30.♕g3 dxe5 31.♗d1! ♕xe6 32.♗g4 ♕h6 33.♖e1 ♖f8 34.♕xe5 ♕d2 (34...♕f6 35.♗e6+ ♔h8 36.♕xf6 gxf6 (36...♖xf6? 37.♗xc4) 37.♖d1 ♗c8 38.♖d6±) 35.♖e2 ♕d1+ 36.♔h2 ♕d8 37.♕e7 ♗c8 38.♗e6+ ♔h8 39.♗d5↑

**27.♖xf5 fxe6**



**28.dxe6??**

28.♖e1! g6 29.♖xe6 ♕h4 30.♖ff6! ♖f4 31.♖xg6+! hxg6 32.g3! ♕xh3 33.♕xg6+ ♔h8 34.♕g5+-

**28...♗e4! 29.♖f7 ♕g5-+ 30.♕f1 ♖xb3 31.♖cxc7 ♖xc7 32.♖xc7 ♔f8 33.f3 ♕e3+ 34.♔h1 ♗d3 35.♕a1**

35.♕g1 ♕xg1+ 36.♔xg1 ♖xb2-+

**35...♕xe6 36.♕c1 ♗c4 37.♕f4+ ♔e8 38.♕h4 ♖xb2 0-1**

**129. C78**
**Hansen, Eric (2606) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2612)**
**chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/129, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.a4 ♖b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♗b6 10.a5 ♗a7 11.h3 ♗b7 12.♖e1 O-O 13.♗e3 exd4 14.cxd4 ♘b4 15.♘c3**

15.d5 - 101/242

**15...♗xe4!**

15...♘xe4? 16.♘xe4 ♗xe4 17.♗d2! ♗xf3 18.♕xf3 c5 19.♖ad1! c4 20.♗xb4 cxb3 21.♕g3±

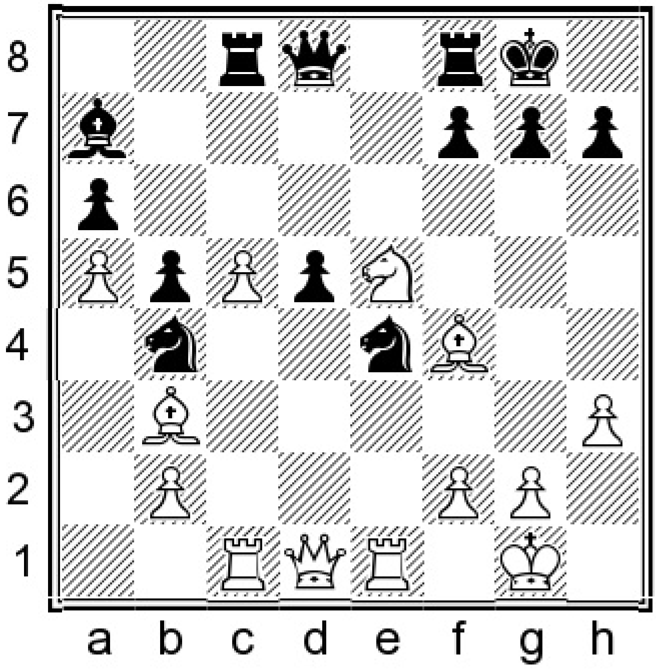
**16.♘xe4 ♘xe4 17.♗f4?!N**

17.♖c1=∞

**17...d5 18.♖c1**

18.♘e5=∞

**18...♖c8 19.♘e5 c5 20.dxc5**



**20...♘xc5?**

20...♗xc5! 21.♖xe4 dxe4 22.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 23.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 24.♘xf7 ♖d5 25.♘e5∓

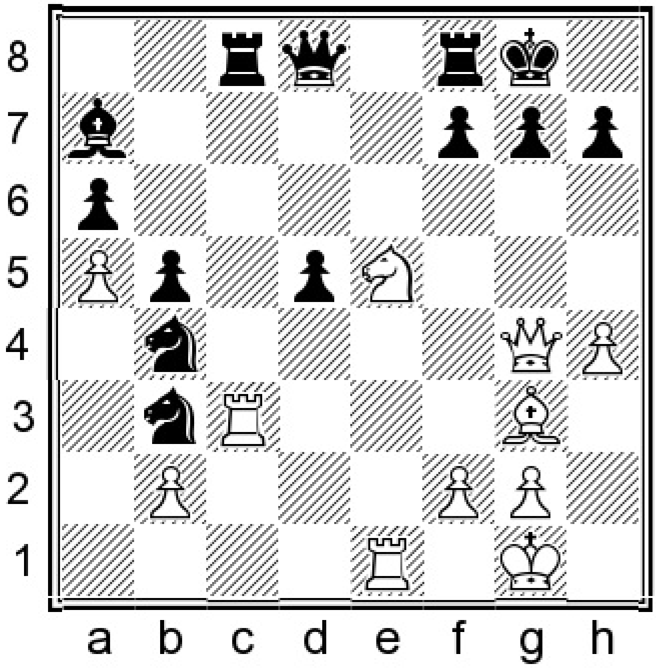
**21.♖c3!⇄ ♕h4?**

21...f6 22.♘f3⇄

**22.♗g3 ♕g5 23.h4?**

23.♕d4! ♘xb3 (23...♘e4 24.♕xa7 ♘xc3 25.bxc3 ♖xc3 26.♗d1+-) 24.♕xa7 ♖a8 (24...♖xc3 25.bxc3 ♘a2 26.♘d7 ♖d8 27.♕c7+-) 25.♘f3! ♖xa7 26.♘xg5 ♘xa5 27.♗d6+-

**23...♕d8 24.♕g4 ♘xb3**



24...f6□ 25.♕xb4 fxe5 26.♖ec1 (26.♗a2 e4 27.♖ec1 ♔h8! 28.♗e5 (28.♖xc5? ♕e7 29.♖xc8 ♕xb4∓) 28...♕xh4 29.♗d4 ♕h5!∞) 26...♖c7 27.♔h2 ♔h8 28.♗xe5 ♖e7 29.f4↑

**25.♘xf7!! h5 26.♕h3?**

26.♖xc8 hxg4 (26...♕xc8 27.♘h6+ ♔h8 28.♕xh5+-) 27.♖xd8 ♖xd8 28.♘xd8+-; 26.♘xd8 hxg4 27.♖xc8 ♘d3 28.♖e7 ♗d4 (28...♗xf2+ 29.♗xf2 ♘xf2 30.♖cc7+-) 29.♖ec7+-

**26...♖xc3?**

26...♗xf2+! 27.♗xf2 (27.♔h1? ♕f6! 28.♖xc8 ♗xe1 29.♗xe1 ♕f1+ 30.♔h2 ♕xe1-+) 27...♖xc3 28.bxc3 (28.♕xc3 ♖xf7 29.♕xb3 ♘c6∓) 28...♕f6! 29.cxb4 ♕xf7 30.♕e6 d4∓

**27.♘xd8 ♗xf2+**

27...♖xg3 28.♕e6+ ♔h7 29.♖e5 ♖xg2+ (29...♗xf2+ 30.♔h2+-) 30.♔xg2 ♖xf2+ 31.♔g3 ♖f3+ 32.♔xf3 ♘d4+ 33.♔g2 ♘xe6 34.♘xe6+-

**28.♔h1 ♖xg3 29.♕e6+ ♔h8 30.♖e5 g6**

30...♗e3 31.♘f7+ ♖xf7 32.♕xf7+-

**31.♘f7+ ♔g7 32.♘g5 ♖xg5 33.♖xg5 ♖f6 34.♕e7+ ♖f7 35.♕xb4+- ♘d4 36.♕d6 ♖f6 37.♕e7+ ♖f7**

**38.♕e5+ ♖f6 39.♕e7+ ♖f7 40.♕d6 ♖f6 41.♕d7+ ♔h6 42.♕d8 ♔g7 43.♖xd5 ♗xh4 44.♕d7+ ♖f7 45.♖xd4 ♖xd7 46.♖xd7+ ♔h6 47.♖d6 1-0**

**130. C80**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2702) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/130, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.a4 b4 10.♗e3**

10.a5 - 51/330

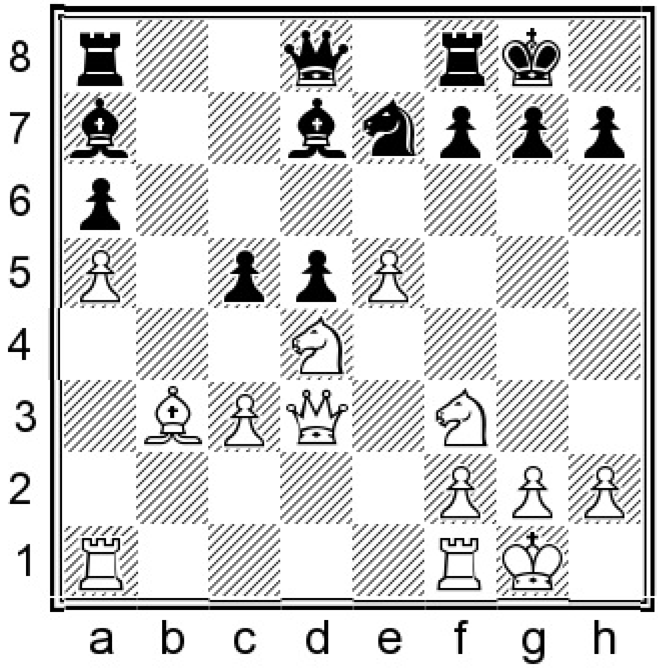
**10...♗e7 11.a5**

11.♘bd2

**11...O-O 12.♕d3 ♘c5 13.♗xc5 ♗xc5 14.c3 ♘e7N**

14...g6 15.♘bd2 (15.♖c1?! ♕e7 16.♖a4 ♖ab8 (16...♖fb8!?) 17.♕xa6 ♗xf2+ 18.♔xf2 ♕c5+ 19.♔e2 ♗g4∓) 15...♔g7=; 14...d4 15.♗xe6 fxe6 16.c4 ♕e8 17.♘bd2 ♖f4 18.♘b3 ♗e7 19.♖ad1 ♖d8 20.♖fe1 ♕h5=

**15.♘bd2 bxc3 16.bxc3 ♗a7 17.♘d4 ♗d7 18.♘2f3 c5**



**19.e6!? ♗e8**

19...fxe6? 20.♘g5+-

**20.♘g5?!**

20.♗c2 f5 21.♘e2∞

**20...f5 21.♘f7 ♖xf7!**

21...♗xf7 22.exf7+ ♖xf7 23.♘e6 ♕d6 24.♘g5 ♖f6 25.♖fe1 (Δ Re7!) 25...c4 26.♗xc4 dxc4 27.♕xd6 ♖xd6 28.♖xe7 ♖d2 29.♖f1 ♗c5 30.♖c7 ♗d6 31.♖xc4 ♖a2=

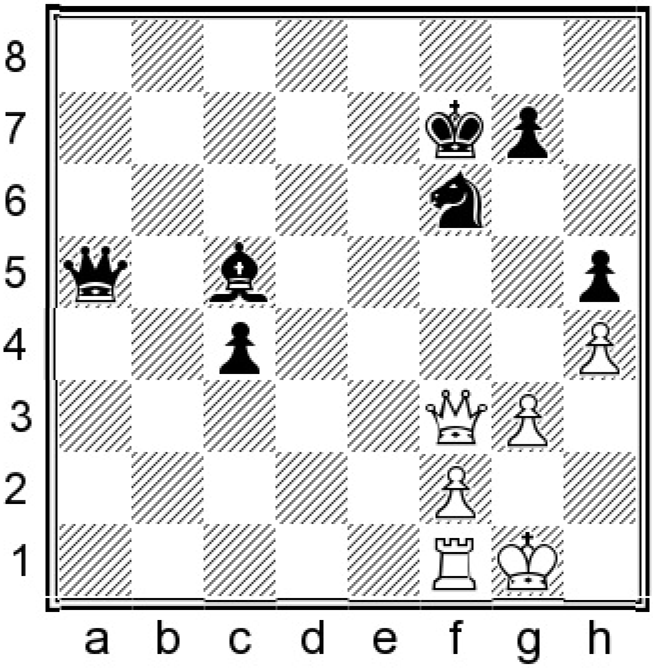
**22.exf7+ ♗xf7 23.♘xf5 c4 24.♗xc4 ♘xf5 25.♗xa6 ♘d6 26.♕f3 ♗c5 27.♗d3 ♖xa5 28.♖xa5 ♕xa5 29.h4 h5?!**

29...g6 30.♖c1 (30.h5 ♕xc3) 30...♕d8∓

**30.g3 ♘e8 31.c4! dxc4 32.♗h7+ ♔f8**

32...♔xh7 33.♕xf7 ♘f6 34.♕xc4=

**33.♗g6 ♘f6 34.♗xf7 ♔xf7**



**35.♖c1?**

35.♕b7+ ♔g6 (35...♔g8 36.♕c8+ ♔h7 37.♕f5+ ♔h6 38.♕f4+=) 36.♕b1+=

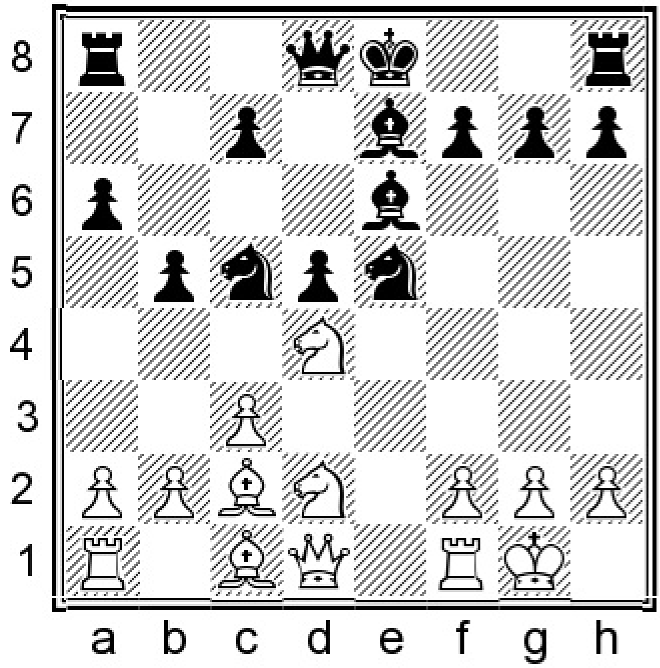
**35...♕c7 36.♔g2**

36.♕f4 ♕xf4 37.gxf4 ♘g4 38.♔g2 (38.♖xc4 ♗xf2+ 39.♔h1 ♗xh4-+) 38...♗xf2 39.♔h3 (39.♔f3 ♗xh4 40.♖xc4 ♗e7-+) 39...♘e3-+

**36...♗d4 37.♕a8 c3-+ 38.♕a2+ ♔g6 39.♕c2+ ♔h6 40.♕d3 ♕b7+ 41.f3 ♕b2+ 42.♖c2 ♕b1 43.♕f5 ♗e3 44.♔h3 ♕d1 0-1**

**131. C83**
**Shuvalova, Polina (2509) - Girya, Olga (2410)**
**Russia (ch) 151/131, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♘bd2 ♘c5 10.c3 ♗e7 11.♘d4!? ♘xe5 12.♗c2**



12.f4 ♗g4 13.♕e1 ♘c4 14.♘xc4 dxc4 15.♕g3 h5 16.h3 cxb3 17.hxg4 hxg4 18.♕xg4 ♕d5∞

**12...♕d6!**

12...♗g4 13.♕e1 ♘ed3 14.♕e3 ♘xc1 15.♖fxc1 ♕d6 (15...♗d7 16.♖e1 ♘e6 17.♘xe6 ♗xe6 18.♘b3 O-O 19.♘d4↑) 16.♖e1 ♘e6 17.♘e4! dxe4 18.♕xe4 ♖d8 19.♕xg4↑

**13.b4**

13.f4 ♘g4 14.b4 ♘a4 15.♗xa4 (15.♖e1 ♘f6∞) 15...bxa4 16.♘xe6 ♕xe6 17.♕xa4+ ♕d7 18.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 19.♘f3∞; 13.♘2b3 - 107/(102)

**13...♘a4!**

13...♘cd7? 14.f4 ♘c4 15.f5 ♘e3 16.♕e2 ♘xf1 17.♘xf1+-; 13...♘g4?! 14.g3 ♘a4 15.♘xe6 ♕xe6 16.♖e1 ♕d7 17.♘f3 O-O 18.♘d4±

**14.♖e1N**

14.♗xa4 bxa4

**14...♗g4!**

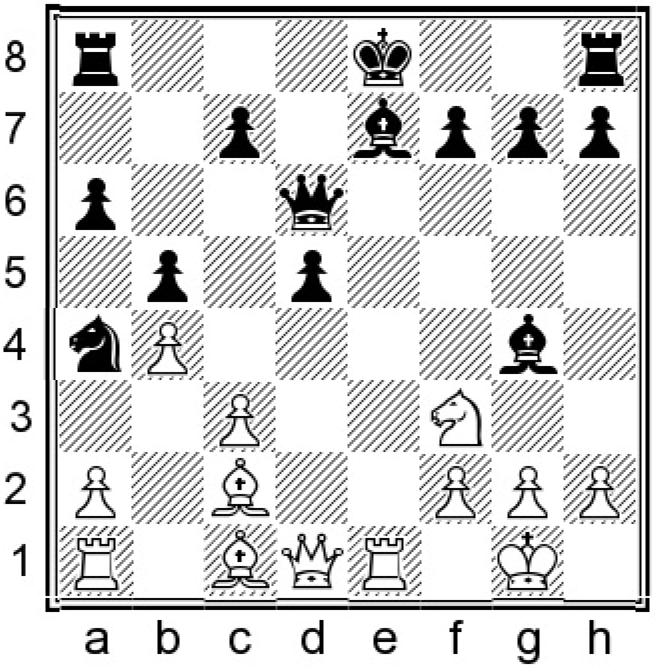
14...O-O 15.♕h5 ♘g6 16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.♖e3 e5 18.♖h3 ♘f4 19.♕xh7+ ♔f7 20.♖f3 ♖h8 21.♕f5+ ♗f6 22.♖xf4! exf4 23.♘f3↑; 14...♗d7 15.♘2b3↑

**15.♘2f3 ♘xf3+**

15...♘xc3 16.♕d2 ♘e4 17.♗xe4 dxe4 18.♘xe5 ♕xe5 19.♕c2! f5 20.♗b2∞

**16.gxf3!?**

16.♘xf3



16...O-O-O! (16...O-O?! 17.♕d3 g6 18.♗h6 ♗f5 19.♕e3 ♗xc2 20.♕xe7 ♕xe7 21.♖xe7 ♖fe8 22.♖ae1±) 17.♗xa4 bxa4 18.h3 ♗xf3 (18...♗h5 19.g4 ♗g6 20.♕xa4→) 19.♕xf3∞

**16...♗e6!**

16...♗d7? 17.♗g5 f6 18.♗h4 ♔f7 19.♗b3+-; 16...♗h3? 17.♗g5 f6 18.♗f5! fxg5 19.♗xh3+-

**17.♗e3 O-O 18.♕d3 g6 19.♗xa4 bxa4 20.♘xe6 fxe6 21.♗c5 ♕d7 22.♗xe7 ♕xe7 23.♕xd5 exd5 24.♖xe7= c5**

24...♖f7 25.♖ae1=

**25.bxc5 ♖ac8 26.♖b1 ♖f7 27.♖xf7 ♔xf7 28.♖b7+ ♔g8 29.♖b6 ♖xc5 30.♖xa6 ♖xc3 31.♖xa4 ♖xf3 32.♖a7 ♖c3 33.♖d7 ♖a3 34.♖xd5 ♖xa2 35.♖d7 ♖b2 36.♖c7 ♖a2 37.♖d7 ♖b2 38.♖c7 ♖a2 39.♖d7 ♖b2 40.♖c7 ♖a2 1/2-1/2**

**132. C88**
**Sadhwani, Raunak (2609) - Predke, Alexandr (2666)**
**Riga 151/132, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 ♗b7 8.d4 ♘xd4 9.♘xd4 exd4 10.e5 ♘e4 11.♕f3**

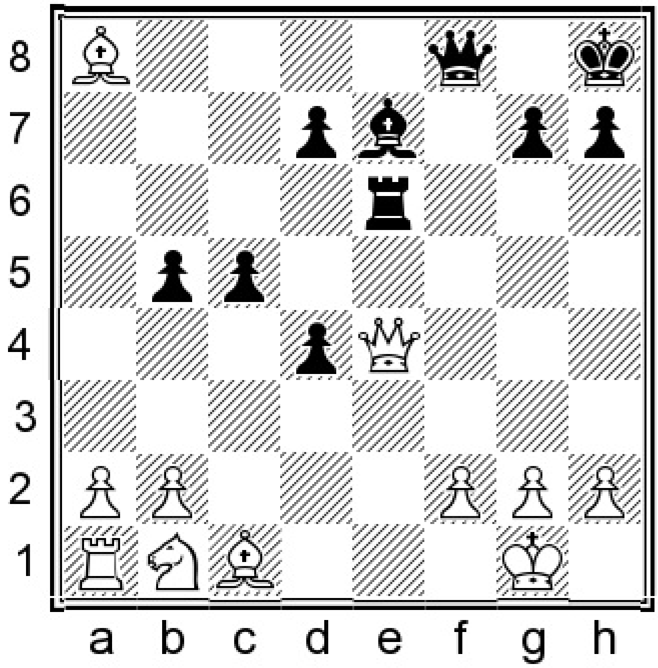
11.♕g4 ♗g5 (11...c5!?) 12.♗f4 (12.f4 ♗h6 13.♘d2 (13.♕f5? d5! 14.♖xe4 g6 15.♕h3 dxe4 16.♕xh6 ♕d7∓) 13...♘c5 14.♘f3 ♘xb3 15.axb3∞) 12...♗xf4 13.♕xf4 ♘g5 14.♕xd4 O-O∞

**11...O-O 12.♖xe4 c5 13.c4 f5 14.exf6 ♖xf6?N**

14...♗xf6 - 85/(321)

**15.♕e2?**

15.cxb5+! ♔h8 16.♕e2 ♗xe4 17.♕xe4 axb5 (17...♕f8 18.♘d2 ♖e8 19.♘f3+-) 18.♗d5 ♕f8 (18...♖aa6 19.♘d2+-) 19.♗xa8 ♖e6



20.a4! ♖xe4 21.♗xe4+-

**15...♗xe4 16.♕xe4 d5! 17.cxd5**

17.♕xd5+ ♕xd5 18.cxd5 c4 19.♗d1 ♖e8 20.♔f1 (20.♘d2?! ♗b4 21.♔f1 ♖f5∓) 20...♖f5 21.♗f3 h5∞

**17...c4 18.♗d1 ♕f8! 19.♗g4! ♖xf2**

19...♗c5 20.♗e6+ ♔h8 21.f3 (21.f4!? ♖e8 22.g4 c3 23.bxc3 dxc3+ 24.♔g2 b4 25.f5 ♗a7∞) 21...♖e8 22.♗g5 c3! 23.bxc3 dxc3+ 24.♔h1 b4∞

**20.♗f3 ♖xf3 21.♕xf3**

21.gxf3 ♖e8 22.♕e6+ ♔h8 23.♕g4 c3 (23...♗c5 24.♘d2 d3+ 25.♔f1 ♕d6 26.♘e4 ♕xh2 27.♕g2 ♕h5∞) 24.♘d2! cxd2 25.♗xd2 d3∞

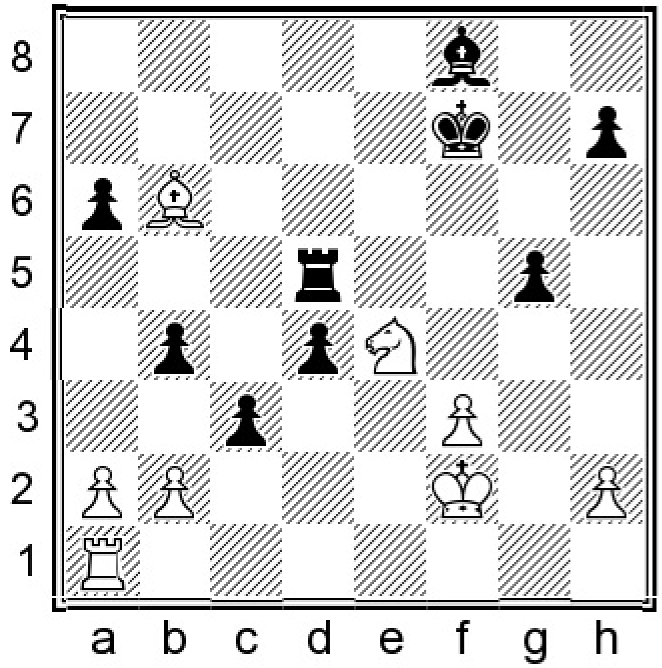
**21...♕xf3**

21...♗c5!?∞

**22.gxf3 ♖d8 23.♘d2 ♖xd5 24.♘e4 b4 25.♔f2 ♔f7**

25...c3 26.bxc3 bxc3 27.♗f4 ♖f5 28.♗d6 ♗xd6 29.♘xd6 ♖h5 30.♖h1 ♖a5 31.♖a1=

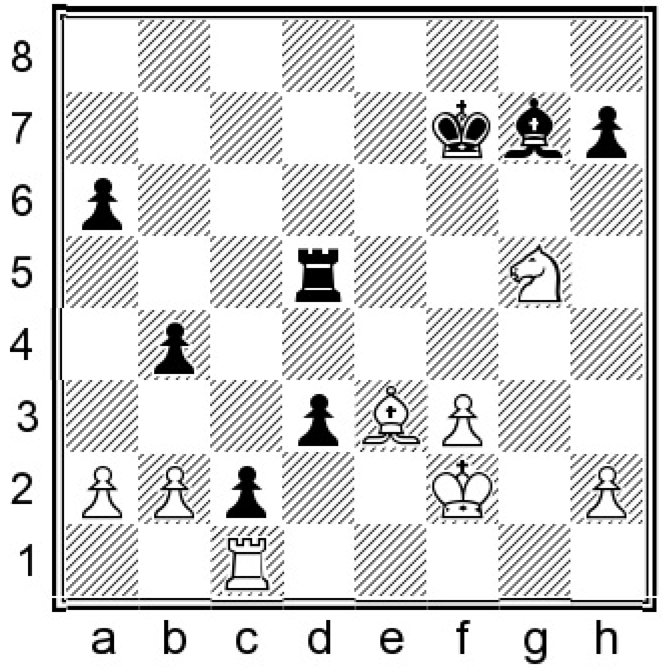
**26.♗f4 g5 27.♗c7 c3 28.♗b6 ♗f8!**



**29.♖d1?**

29.♔e1! ♗g7 (29...g4 30.bxc3 bxc3 31.♔d1!∞) 30.♗c5 a5 31.bxc3 bxc3 32.♖b1 ♔g6 33.♖b6+ ♔f5∞

**29...c2 30.♖c1 d3 31.♗e3 ♗g7 32.♘xg5+**



32.b3 ♗b2 33.♖f1 h6-+

**32...♖xg5! 33.♗xg5 ♗xb2 34.h4**

34.♖f1 a5 35.♗d2 ♗d4+ 36.♔g3 ♗c3-+; 34.♔e1 ♔g6 35.♗e3 ♗c3+ 36.♗d2 ♔f5-+

**34...a5 35.♖e1 ♗d4+ 36.♔f1**

36.♗e3 d2-+

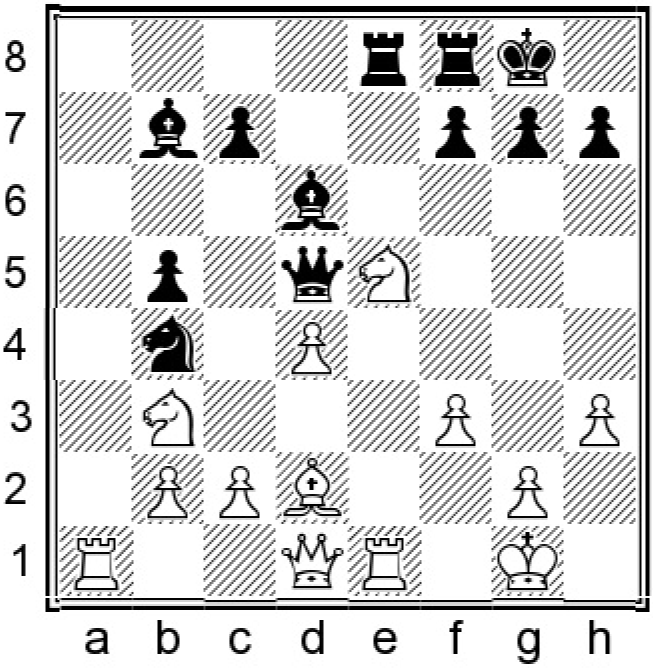
**36...♗f6 37.♗c1 ♗c3 38.♖e2 a4 39.♖xc2 dxc2 40.♔e2 a3 0-1**

**133. C88**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Aronian, Levon (2772)**
**Berlin (playoff-m/3-rapid) 151/133, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.h3 ♗b7 9.d3 d5 10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.a4 ♘d4 12.♘bd2 ♘xb3 13.♘xb3 ♘b4 14.♘xe5 ♕d5 15.f3 ♗d6 16.d4**

16.♘g4 - 143/(116)

**16...♖ae8 17.axb5 axb5 18.♗d2**



**18...♘c6?!N**

18...♗c8! 19.♘g4 (19.♗xb4 ♗xb4 20.c3 ♗d6 21.♘d2 c5♾) 19...h5 20.♘f2 ♗f5 21.♖xe8 ♖xe8 22.♗xb4 ♗xb4 23.c3 ♗e7♾

**19.♗f4 ♔h8 20.♗h2**

20.♕d2! ♘xe5 21.dxe5 ♕xd2 22.♘xd2 ♗c5+ 23.♔f1±

**20...♘xe5 21.dxe5 ♗xe5 22.♗xe5 ♖xe5 23.♖xe5 ♕xe5 24.♕d4 ♕g5 25.♕c5! ♕xc5+ 26.♘xc5 ♗d5 27.♖a7?!**

27.♖d1! c6 28.♘d7 ♖e8 (28...♖d8 29.♘b6±) 29.♘b6 ♖e2 (29...♗e6 30.♖d6 c5 31.♘d5±) 30.♘xd5 cxd5 31.♖xd5 g6 32.♖c5±

**27...c6 28.♘d3 g6 29.♖c7 ♖a8 30.♘b4 ♔g7**

30...♖a1+ 31.♔f2 ♖c1 32.♔e3 ♔g7=

**31.♘xc6 ♗xc6 32.♖xc6 ♖d8 33.g4?**

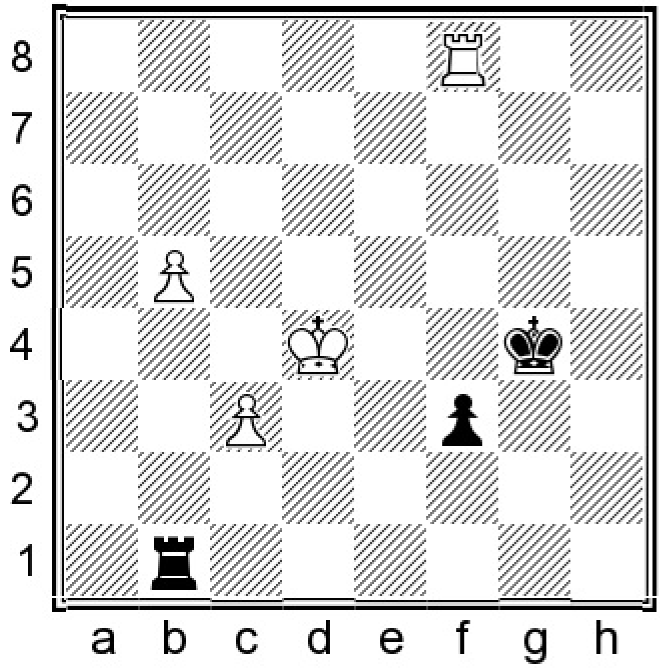
33.b4! ♖d2 34.♖c5 h5 35.h4 f6 36.c3 ♖c2 37.♔h2 ♔f7 38.♔g3 ♔g7 39.♔h3 ♔f7 40.g4 hxg4+ 41.♔xg4+-

**33...♖d2 34.h4 h5 35.gxh5 gxh5= 36.b4 ♖d4 37.c3 ♖xh4 38.♔g2 ♖f4 39.♔g3 ♖f5 40.f4 h4+ 41.♔xh4 ♖xf4+ 42.♔g5 ♖f3 43.♔g4 ♖d3 44.♖c5 ♔f6 45.♔f4 ♔e6 46.♔e4 ♖d8?**

46...♖h3! 47.♔d4 ♖h4+ 48.♔d3 ♖h3+ 49.♔c2 ♖h2+ 50.♔b3 f5 51.♖xb5 f4 52.♖b8 ♔f7! 53.♔c4 f3 54.♔d3 ♖b2! 55.♖b5 ♔f6 56.♖h5 f2 57.♖h1 ♔e6 58.♖f1 ♔d5 59.c4+ ♔e5 60.b5 ♔d6 61.♔d4 ♖d2+ 62.♔c3 ♖e2 63.♔b4 ♖b2+ 64.♔c3 ♖e2=

**47.♖xb5 ♖d1 48.♖b6+ ♔d7 49.♖f6 ♔e7 50.♖f3 ♔e6 51.♖d3 f5+ 52.♔d4 ♖b1 53.♖e3+ ♔f6 54.♖e8 f4 55.♖b8 ♔f5 56.b5 f3 57.♔e3??**

57.♖f8+ ♔g4



58.♔e4!! ♖e1+ (58...♖xb5 59.♖xf3+-) 59.♔d5 ♖b1 60.c4+-

**57...♖b3 58.♔d3 ♔g4 59.♔c2 f2??**

59...♖a3 60.♖f8 ♔g3 61.b6 ♖a2+ 62.♔b3 ♖a6 63.♖f6 f2 64.b7 ♖xf6 65.b8=♕+ ♖f4=

**60.♖f8 ♖xb5 61.♖xf2 ♖c5 1-0**

**134. C88**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2782) - Carlsen, Magnus (2855)**
**Dubai (m/1) 151/134, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.h3 ♘a5**

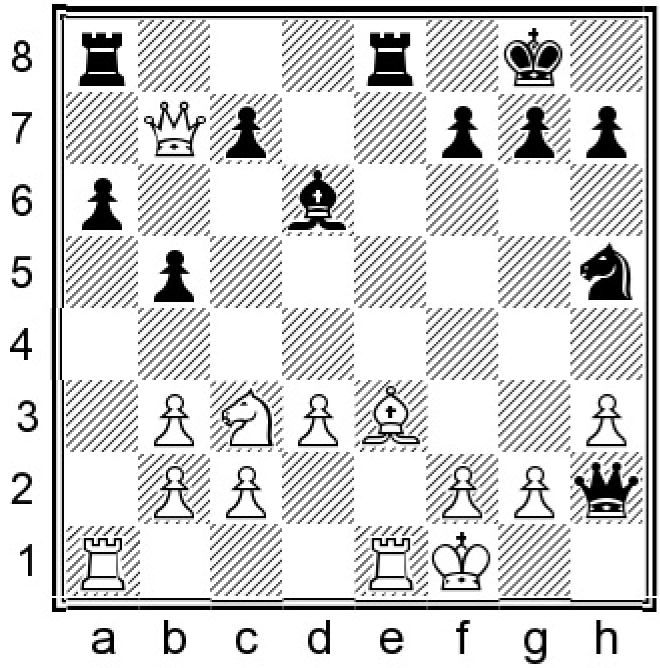
8...d6 - 149/(130)

**9.♘xe5 ♘xb3 10.axb3 ♗b7 11.d3 d5 12.exd5 ♕xd5 13.♕f3 ♗d6 14.♔f1!?**

14.♕xd5 ♘xd5 15.♗d2 ♘e7! 16.b4 (16.♘c3?! ♘f5 17.♖ac1 h5∓) 16...♖fd8 17.d4 ♘f5 18.c3 f6 19.♘d3 g5=∞

**14...♖fb8!**

14...♕xe5 15.♕xb7 ♕h2 16.♘c3 ♖fe8 (16...♘h5 17.g4! ♕xh3+ 18.♕g2 ♕xg2+ 19.♔xg2 ♘f6 20.♔f3±) 17.♗e3 ♘h5



18.g4! ♕xh3+ 19.♕g2 ♕xg2+ 20.♔xg2 ♘f4+ 21.♗xf4 ♖xe1 22.♖xe1 ♗xf4 23.♔f3 ♗d6 24.♖a1 c6 25.♘e2±

**15.♕xd5 ♘xd5 16.♗d2 c5 17.♘f3 ♖d8 18.♘c3 ♘b4 19.♖ec1N**

19.♖ac1 ♗f8=∞

**19...♖ac8 20.♘e2 ♘c6 21.♗e3 ♘e7 22.♗f4**

22.♘g3 ♘d5 23.♗d2 ♘b4 24.♘e1 ♗e7=∞

**22...♗xf3! 23.gxf3 ♗xf4 24.♘xf4 ♖c6 25.♖e1 ♘f5 26.c3 ♘h4**

26...g5 27.♖e5 (27.♘g2 ♖xd3 28.♖e5 ♘g7 29.♖xg5 ♖xf3=) 27...gxf4 28.♖xf5 ♖xd3 29.♖e1 ♖d2=

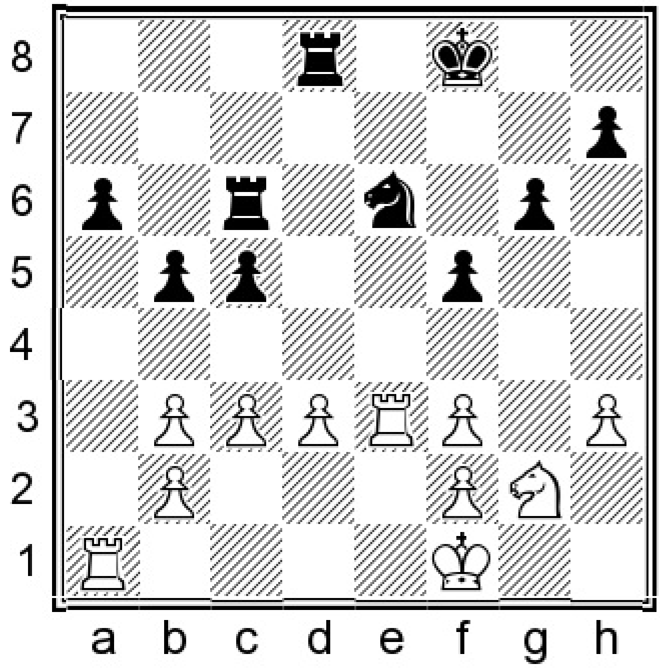
**27.♖e3 ♔f8**

27...g6=∞

**28.♘g2 ♘f5**

28...♘xg2 29.♔xg2 ♖cd6 30.♖d1 b4=

**29.♖e5 g6 30.♘e1 ♘g7 31.♖e4 f5 32.♖e3 ♘e6 33.♘g2**



**33...b4! 34.♔e2 ♖b8 35.♔d2**

35.♖b1?! a5 36.♔d2 (36.♖a1 ♖a6∓) 36...bxc3+ 37.bxc3 a4∓

**35...bxc3+ 36.bxc3 ♖xb3 37.♔c2 ♖b7 38.h4 ♔f7**

38...♖cb6 39.♖a2 a5 40.♖e5 ♔f7 41.♘e3 a4 42.♖xa4 ♖b2+ 43.♔c1 ♖xf2 (43...♖b1+ 44.♔d2 ♖7b2+ 45.♘c2 ♖f1 46.♖e2=) 44.♘c4=; 38...a5!? 39.♖ee1 (39.♖xa5? ♘d4+ 40.♔d1 ♖b1+ 41.♔d2 ♖cb6 42.♖a2 (42.cxd4 cxd4-+) 42...♘b3+ 43.♔c2 ♖c1+ 44.♔b2 ♖f1-+) 39...♖cb6 40.♖a2 a4 41.♘e3 ♖a6 42.h5=

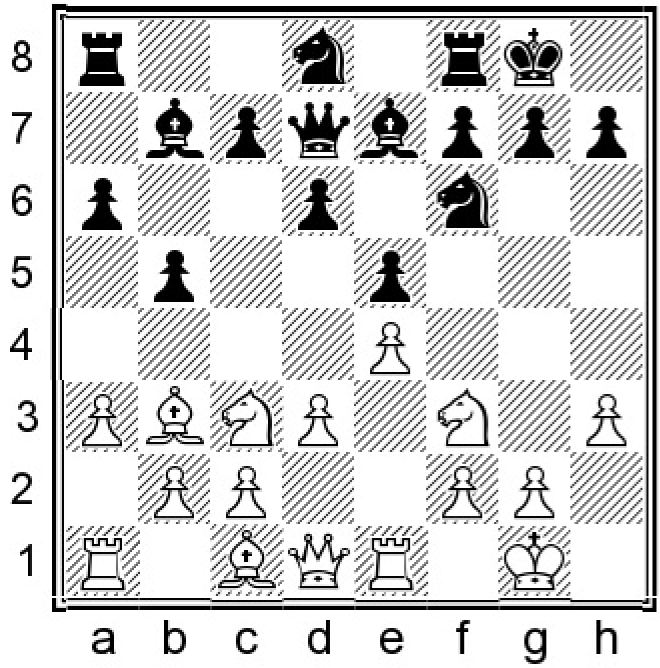
**39.♖ee1 ♔f6 40.♘e3 ♖d7**

40...♘f4 41.♘c4 ♖e7 42.♖e3=

**41.♘c4 ♖e7 42.♘e5 ♖d6 43.♘c4 ♖c6 44.♘e5 ♖d6 45.♘c4 1/2-1/2**

**135. C88**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Aronian, Levon (2772)**
**Berlin (playoff-m/1-rapid) 151/135, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.h3 ♗b7 9.d3 d6 10.a3 ♕d7 11.♘c3 ♘d8**



**12.♘h2!?N**

12.d4 - 143/(116)

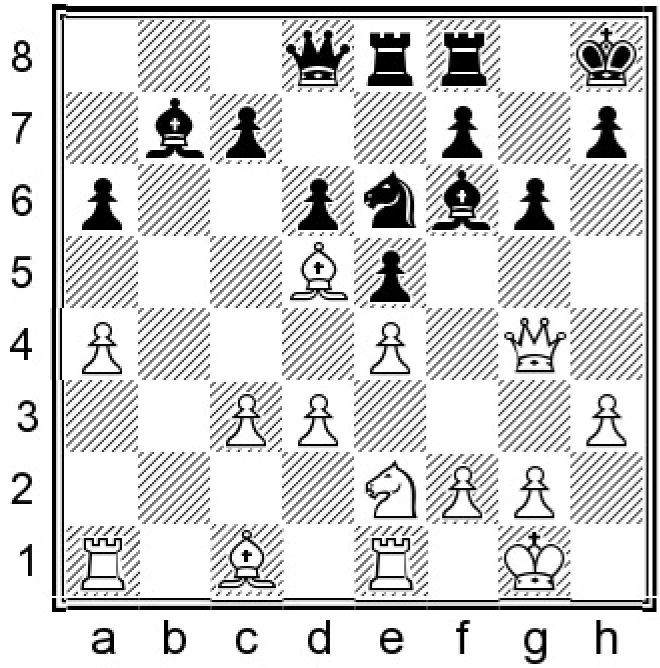
**12...♘e6 13.♘g4 ♔h8 14.♘xf6 ♗xf6 15.♕g4 ♖ae8 16.a4 b4 17.♘e2**

17.♘d5 ♗d8 18.a5 (18.♘xb4?! f5! 19.exf5 ♘d4 20.f6 ♕xg4 21.hxg4 ♖xf6↑ (21...c5!?↑)) 18...f5 19.exf5 ♘d4 20.♗a4 ♕f7 21.♗xe8 ♕xe8∞

**17...♕d8**

17...♗d8! 18.d4 exd4 19.♘xd4 f5! (19...♘c5 20.♕xd7 ♘xd7∓) 20.♘xf5 ♘c5 21.♘g3 ♕xg4 22.hxg4 ♗f6∓

**18.c3 bxc3 19.bxc3 g6 20.♗d5**



**20...♗xd5**

20...h5! 21.♕f3 ♗xd5 22.exd5 ♘c5∓

**21.exd5 ♘c5 22.♗h6!?**

22.♕c4 e4! 23.♘g3 exd3 (23...♘xd3 24.♖xe4 ♘c5 25.♖xe8 ♖xe8 26.♗e3=) 24.♗e3 ♖e7 25.♗xc5 dxc5 26.♖xe7 ♕xe7 27.♘e4 ♖e8 28.♘xf6 ♕xf6 29.♕xd3=

**22...♘xd3**

22...♗g7 23.♗xg7+ ♔xg7 24.♕c4 e4 25.♘f4 ♕f6 26.d4! ♘xa4 27.♖xa4 ♕xf4 28.♕xc7∞

**23.♗xf8**

23.♖ed1? e4 24.♗xf8 h5 25.♕g3 ♗h4 26.♕h2 ♗xf2+ 27.♔h1 ♖xf8-+

**23...♘xe1 24.♖xe1?!**

24.♗h6 ♘d3 25.♕c4 ♘c5 (25...e4 26.♕xa6 ♗g5 27.♗xg5 ♕xg5∞) 26.♗e3 e4 27.♗xc5 dxc5 28.♕xa6∞

**24...♖xf8 25.♕c4 ♕a8 26.♖b1**

26.♕xc7 ♕xd5 27.♘g3 ♗d8 28.♕c8 a5∓

**26...♖b8! 27.♖b4**

27.♖xb8+? ♕xb8 28.♕xa6 ♕b1+ 29.♔h2 e4 30.♕c4 (30.♕a7 ♗e5+ 31.g3 ♕c2 32.♘f4 h5-+) 30...♕e1 31.♕xe4 ♕xf2-+

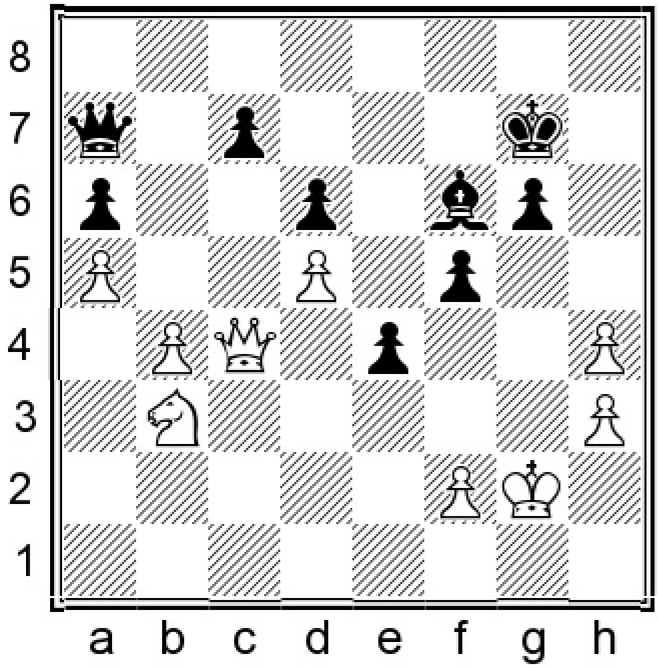
**27...♔g7**

27...a5! 28.♖b5 ♖xb5 29.♕xb5 e4!∓

**28.♘g3 h5 29.♘e4 ♗d8 30.a5 ♕a7 31.g3 f5 32.♘d2 ♖xb4**

32...e4 33.♖xb8 ♕xb8 34.♕xa6 e3 (34...♕b2? 35.♕c8 ♕xd2 36.♕d7+! ♔h6 37.♕xd8+-) 35.♘f1 h4∞

**33.cxb4 e4 34.♘b3 ♗f6 35.♔g2 h4 36.gxh4**



**36...♔f7?**

36...e3! 37.f4 e2 38.♕xe2 ♗xh4 39.♘d2∞

**37.h5?!**

37.♕c6! ♔g7 (37...e3? 38.♕d7+ ♔g8 39.h5 gxh5 40.♕xf5+-; 37...♗xh4? 38.♕d7+ ♔f8 39.♘c5! dxc5 40.d6 ♕b7 41.dxc7 e3+ 42.f3 e2 43.c8=♕+ ♕xc8 44.♕xc8+ ♔f7 45.♕d7+ ♔f8 46.♕d6+ ♔f7 47.♕d5++-) 38.h5 gxh5 39.b5 axb5 40.♕xb5±

**37...gxh5 38.b5 e3 39.f4**

39.♕d3 exf2 40.♕xf5 axb5 41.♕xh5+ ♔g7 42.♕e2 b4 43.♕xf2 ♕b7∞

**39...♕b8! 40.♔f1**

40.bxa6 ♕g8+ 41.♔h1 ♕g3 42.♕f1 e2 43.♕xe2 ♕xh3+ 44.♔g1 ♕xb3 45.♕e6+ ♔g7 46.♕d7+ ♔h6 47.♕e6=

**40...axb5 41.♕c6 e2+! 42.♔xe2 ♕a7 43.a6 ♕g1 44.♕xc7+ ♔g6 45.♘d2**

45.a7 ♕g2+ 46.♔d1 ♕f3+ 47.♔c2 ♕e4+=

**45...♕h2+ 46.♔d1 ♕xf4 47.a7 ♗g5 48.♕a5**

48.♕c2 ♕d4 49.a8=♕ ♕g1+ 50.♔e2 ♕g2+ 51.♔d1 (51.♔d3 ♕g3+ 52.♔e2 ♕g2+=) 51...♕g1+=

**48...b4! 49.♕a2 b3! 50.♕a5**

50.♘xb3 ♕f1+ 51.♔c2 ♕e2+ 52.♔b1 ♕f1+=

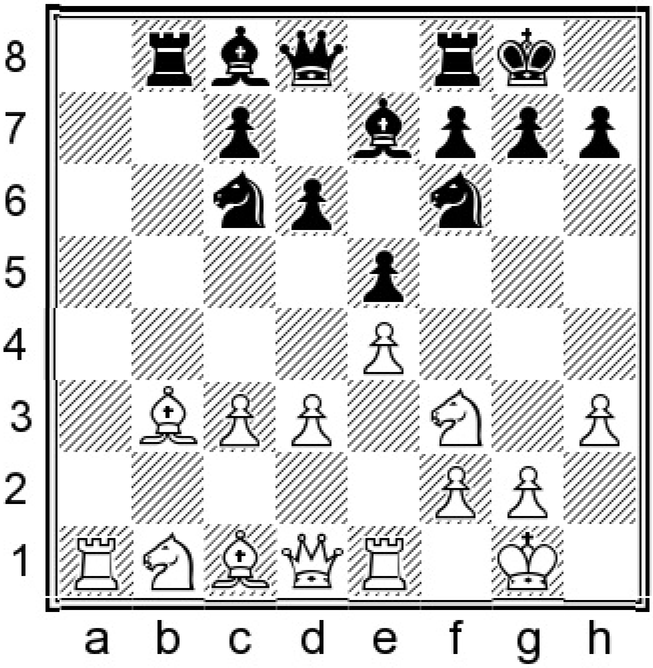
**50...♕e3 51.a8=♕ ♕g1+ 52.♔e2 ♕e3+ 53.♔d1 ♕g1+ 54.♔e2 ♕e3+ 1/2-1/2**

**136. C88**
**Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2782) - Carlsen, Magnus (2855)**
**Dubai (m/5) 151/136, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4 ♖b8 9.axb5 axb5 10.h3**

10.c3 (- 61/342) 10...d6 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 ♗g4⇄

**10...d6 11.c3 b4 12.d3 bxc3 13.bxc3**



**13...d5!?N**

13...♘d7; 13...h6 14.♘bd2 ♖e8±

**14.♘bd2**

14.exd5 ♘xd5 15.♘xe5 (15.♗a4 ♖a8! 16.♗a3 ♖a6 17.♗xc6 ♖xc6 18.♘xe5 ♖e6 19.d4 ♘f4=∞) 15...♘xe5 16.♖xe5 ♗e6 17.♗xd5 ♗xd5 18.d4 ♗f6 19.♖e1 ♖a8 20.♖a3 ♖xa3 21.♗xa3 ♖e8=∞; 14.♗a4 dxe4 15.♗xc6 exf3 16.♗xf3 ♗d6= Perunovic,Milos

**14...dxe4 15.dxe4 ♗d6 16.♕c2**

16.♗a4 ♖a8 17.♘c4 ♗e6 18.♘xd6 ♕xd6 19.♕e2 ♘e7 20.♘g5 ♗d7 21.♗a3 c5∞; 16.♘c4 ♗e6 17.♘g5

♗xc4 18.♗xc4 ♖a8 19.♗e3∞ Perunovic, Milos

**16...h6 17.♘f1!**

17.♘c4 ♗e6 18.♗e3 ♘e7

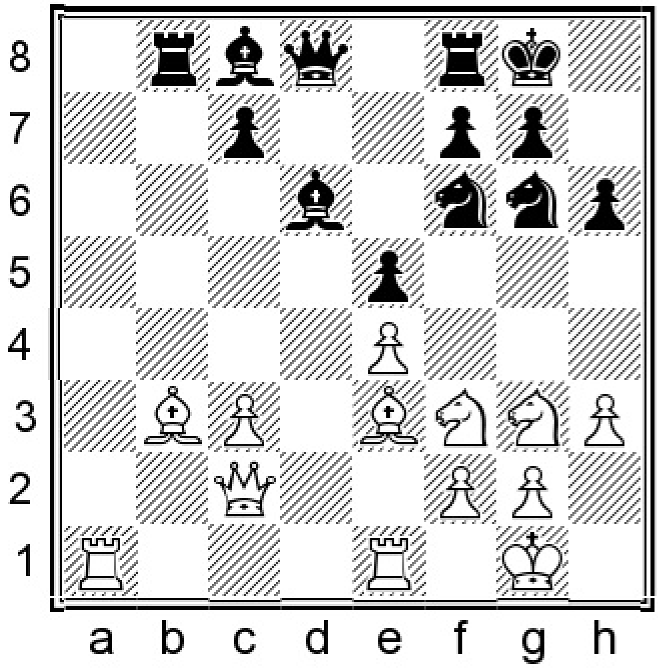
**17...♘e7?!**

17...♕e8!? 18.♘g3 ♗e6 19.♗a4 ♗d7 20.♗e3∞

**18.♘g3**

18.♘h4 ♔h7 19.♘g3 ♘g6 20.♘hf5 ♗e6= Perunovic,Milos

**18...♘g6 19.♗e3**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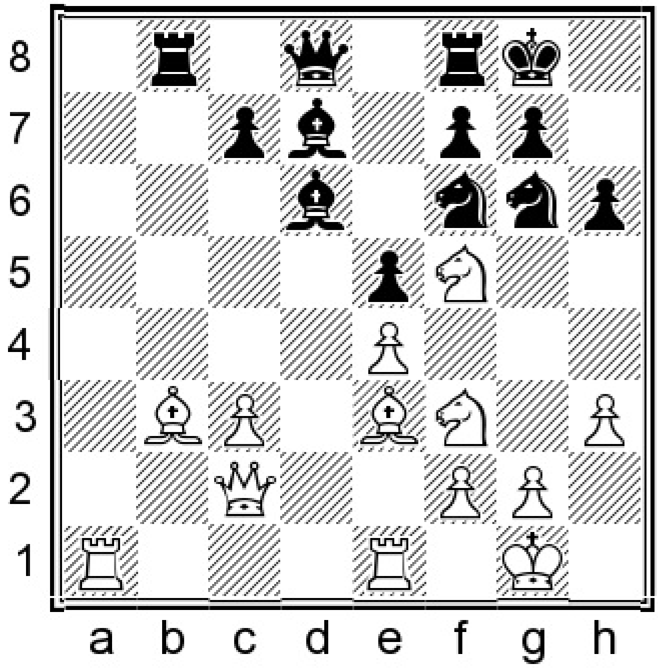
**19...♕e8?!**

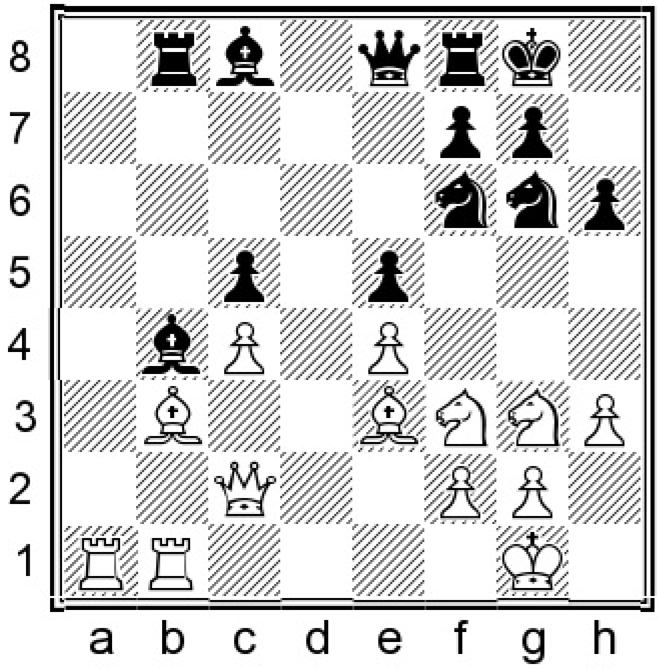
19...♗d7!? 20.♘f5?!



20...♘xe4! 21.♘xd6 ♘xd6 22.♕xg6 ♖xb3=; 19...♕e7! 20.♘f5 ♕d8= (20...♗xf5? 21.exf5 ♘h8 22.♗d4+-)

**20.♖ed1?!**

20.♘f5!? ♘xe4! 21.♘xh6+ gxh6 22.♗xh6 ♖xb3! 23.♕xb3 ♘c5 24.♕b1 ♗d7∞ Perunovic,Milos; 20.c4! ♗b4!? (20...c5 21.♗a4 ♕e6 22.♗c6; 20...♗e6 21.♗a4 ♕c8 22.c5 ♗e7 23.♘f5 ♘d5 24.♗xh6! (24.exd5 ♗xf5 25.♕c4±) 24...♘b4 25.♘xe7+ ♘xe7 26.♕d2± ↑) 21.♖eb1 c5



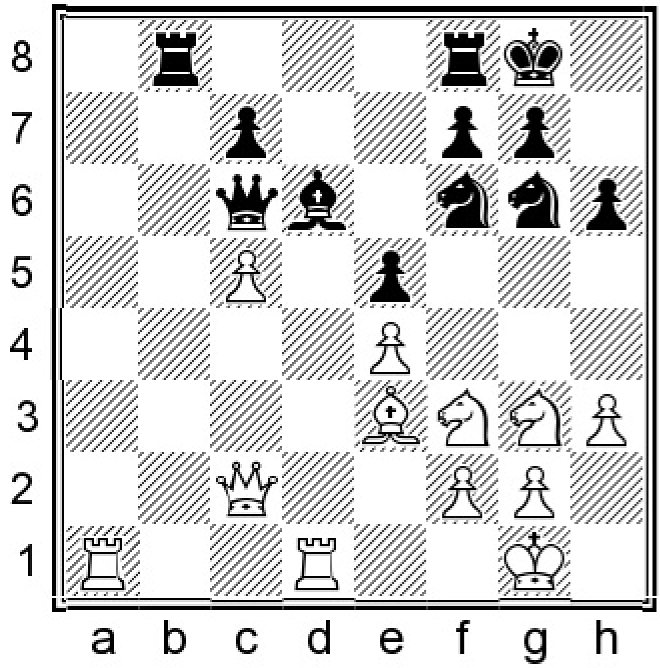
22.♗a4! (22.♕c1!? ♕c6 23.♗xh6 gxh6 24.♕xh6 ♖d8 25.♘g5 ♕e8!∞) 22...♕e7 (22...♕e6? 23.♗xc5+-) 23.♗c6±

**20...♗e6 21.♗a4**

21.♗xe6 ♕xe6 22.c4 (22.♘f5 ♖a8=) 22...♖a8 23.c5 ♗e7=; 21.c4 ♕c6 22.♖ab1 ♗e7= Perunovic,Milos

**21...♗d7 22.♘d2**

22.♗b3 ♗e6= Perunovic,Milos; 22.c4 ♗xa4 (22...♖b4? 23.♗xd7 ♕xd7? 24.c5 ♕c6 25.♕d2 ♗xc5 26.♕c2 ♖b5 27.♖ac1+-) 23.♕xa4 ♖a8=; 22.♗xd7 ♕xd7 23.c4 ♕c6 24.c5



24...♗e7! (24...♖fd8 25.♕e2! ♗f8 (25...♗xc5? 26.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 27.♕c2+-; RR25...♗e7 26.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 27.♖a6 ♕b7 28.♕a2! Anand, Viswanathan) 26.♖xd8 ♖xd8 27.♖a6±) 25.♕c4 ♖a8 26.♘e1! Δ Nd3-b4

**22...♗xa4 23.♕xa4**

23.♖xa4 ♖b2! 24.♕xb2 ♕xa4 25.♖a1 ♕c6= Perunovic,Milos

**23...♕xa4 24.♖xa4 ♖a8 25.♖da1 ♖xa4 26.♖xa4 ♖b8 27.♖a6!?**

27.♘c4 ♖b3 28.♘xd6 cxd6 29.♖a6 d5 30.exd5 ♘xd5∞

**27...♘e8**

27...♔f8?! 28.♘f5 ♘e8 29.♔f1±; 27...♖b2 28.♘c4 (28.c4 ♖c2 29.♖a7 ♗b4∞) 28...♖c2 29.♘xd6 cxd6 30.♖xd6 ♖xc3 31.♖d8+ ♔h7=; 27...♘f4! 28.♗xf4 (28.♘c4 ♖b3 29.♘xd6 cxd6 30.♖xd6 ♖xc3 31.♗xf4 exf4 32.♘e2 ♖c2=) 28...exf4 29.♘f5 ♗e5=

**28.♔f1**

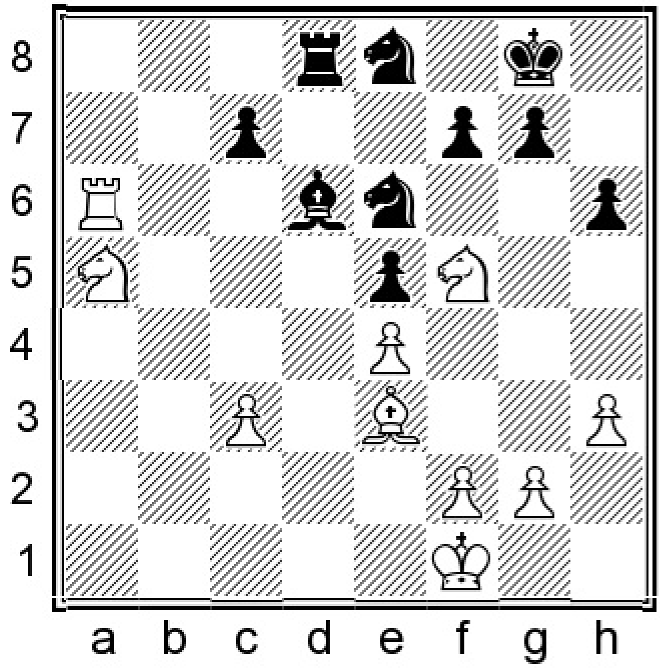
28.♘f5 f6= Perunovic,Milos

**28...♘f8 29.♘f5 ♘e6 30.♘c4 ♖d8!**

30...♗c5 31.f3! (31.♘xe5 ♗xe3 32.♘xe3 ♘c5=) 31...♗xe3 32.♘fxe3±

**31.f3**

31.♘a5!?



31...♖b8! (31...h5? 32.♘c6 ♖d7 33.♖a8 ♔f8 34.♘h4±) 32.♘c6 ♖b1+ 33.♔e2 f6 Δ Kf7=

**31...f6**

31...h5! 32.♘cxd6 cxd6 33.♖a7 ♔f8 34.♔e2 ♖c8 35.♔d3 ♖c6=

**32.g4**

32.h4 h5 33.g4 g6 34.♘h6+ ♔g7 35.gxh5 gxh5 36.♘f5+ ♔f7= Perunovic,Milos

**32...♔f7 33.h4 ♗f8 34.♔e2 ♘d6 35.♘cxd6+ ♗xd6 36.h5 ♗f8 37.♖a5**

37.♖a2 ♗c5!

**37...♔e8 38.♖d5**

38.♘g3 ♔d7 39.♘h1 ♔c6 40.♘f2 ♗d6 41.♘d3 ♖b8=

**38...♖a8 39.♖d1 ♖a2+ 40.♖d2 ♖a1 41.♖d1**

41.♔d3 ♔d7 42.♔c4+ ♔c6= Δ Rf1 ×f3

**41...♖a2+ 42.♖d2 ♖a1 43.♖d1 1/2-1/2**

**137. C88**
**Bacrot, Etienne (2642) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**Berlin 151/137, 2022**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4 b4 9.d4 d6 10.dxe5**

**♘xe5 11.♘xe5 dxe5 12.♕xd8 ♖xd8 13.♘d2 ♗c5**

13...a5 - 13/303

**14.♘f3 ♖e8**

RR14...♘g4 15.♗e3 ♗xe3 16.fxe3 ♖d6! 17.h3 ♘f6 18.♘xe5 ♗e6 19.♖ad1 (19.♘c4 ♖c6=) 19...♗xb3 20.cxb3 ♘xe4= Perunovic,Milos

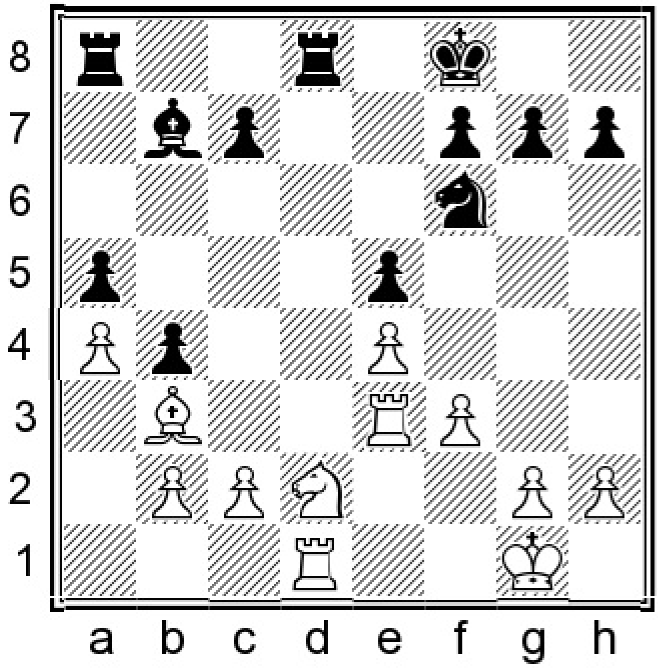
**15.♗e3 ♗xe3 16.♖xe3 ♗b7N**

16...♗e6

**17.♖d1 ♔f8**

RR17...♗xe4 18.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 19.♘g5+ ♔g6 20.♘xe4 ♖ad8 21.♖de1 ♘xe4 22.♖xe4 c5= Perunovic,Milos

**18.♘d2 ♖ed8 19.f3 a5**



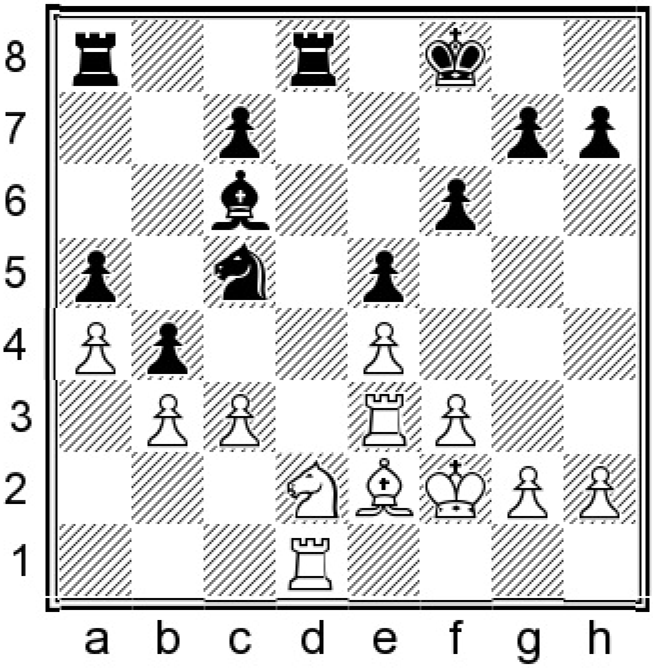
**20.♗c4**

20.♖d3! ♗a6 (20...♖xd3 21.cxd3 ♗a6 22.♖c1 ♖d8 23.♗c4! ♗xc4 (23...♗b7 24.♔f2 ♔e7 25.d4! exd4 26.♗f1 ♖d7 27.♘b3 ♘e8 28.♘xa5 ♗a8 29.♗b5!+-) 24.♘xc4 ♖xd3 25.♘xa5 b3 26.♘c4! ♘d7 27.a5!+-) 21.♗c4 (21.♘c4?! ♖xd3 22.cxd3 ♗xc4! 23.♗xc4 c6 24.♔f2 ♔e7 25.♔e3 c5=) 21...♖xd3 22.♗xd3! ♗b7 23.♖c1! ♘d7 24.b3 ♘c5 25.♔f2 ♖d8 26.♔e3 f6 27.♘c4 ♖a8 28.g3±

**20...♗c6**

RR20...♘d7! 21.♘b3 ♘b6 (21...♗c6!? 22.♖ed3 ♗xa4 23.♘c5 ♗xc2 24.♘xd7+ ♔e8 25.♖d5 ♗xd1 26.♗b5 ♗b3 27.♘b8+ ♔e7 28.♘c6+ ♔f6 29.♖xd8 ♖xd8 30.♘xd8 a4 31.♘c6 a3 32.♘xb4 a2 33.♘xa2 ♗xa2 34.♔f2=) 22.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 23.♘xa5 ♖a8 24.♘xb7 ♘xc4 25.♖b3 ♖xa4= Perunovic,Milos

**21.b3 ♘d7 22.♗e2 ♘c5 23.♔f2 f6 24.c3**



**24...♗e8?!**

24...♘xa4! 25.bxa4 ♗xa4 26.♖a1 ♖xd2 27.♔e1 ♖b2 28.♖xa4 b3 29.♗c4 ♖b1+ 30.♔f2 b2 31.♗a2 ♖c1 32.♖a3 b1=♕ 33.♗xb1 ♖xb1 34.♖e2 ♖b5∓

**25.♔e1 ♗f7 26.cxb4 axb4 27.♗c4?**

27.♖c1

**27...♖d4 28.♖c1 ♗xc4 29.♖xc4 ♖xc4**

29...♘e6 30.g3 c5 31.♖c1 g5 32.♔e2 ♖ad8 33.♘c4 h5 34.a5 ♔g7 35.♔f2 g4∓

**30.♘xc4 ♖d8 31.g3 ♔e7 32.♔e2 ♖d4 33.♘d2 g5∓ 34.♔d1 h5 35.♔c2 g4 36.f4**

36.a5 gxf3 37.♖xf3 ♔e6 38.♖f1∓

**36...exf4 37.gxf4 h4 38.a5 ♔d7?**

38...♖d8! 39.f5 ♖a8-+

**39.♔d1?**

39.f5! g3 40.hxg3 hxg3 41.e5!∓

**39...g3! 40.hxg3 hxg3 41.♔c2 g2 42.♖e1 ♘d3 43.♖a1 ♘xf4 44.a6 ♔c6**

44...♔c6 45.a7 ♖d8 46.♘f3 ♔b7 47.♘h4 ♔a8-+

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**138. !N C88**

## Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2782) - Carlsen, Magnus (2855)
## Dubai (m/3) 151/138, 2021

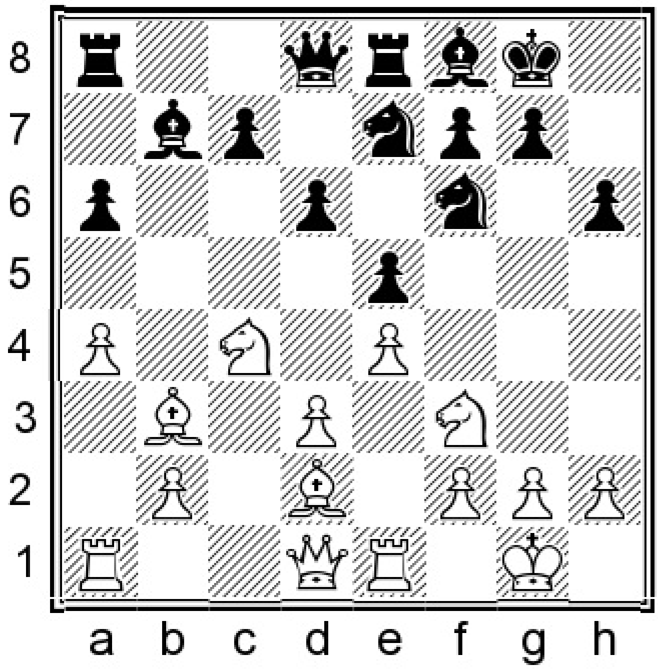
**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.a4 ♗b7 9.d3 d6 10.♘bd2 ♖e8 11.♘f1 h6 12.♗d2 ♗f8 13.♘e3 ♘e7 14.c4**

14.♕b1 - 52/342; 14.g4!? ♘h7! 15.h4 c5 16.g5 g6 (16...c4 17.dxc4 ♗xe4 18.gxh6 ♕d7∞) 17.h5!?∞

**14...bxc4**

14...c6 15.♘h4!?∞

**15.♘xc4**



**15...♘c6!N**

15...♖b8 16.♘fxe5! dxe5 17.♘xe5 ♘ed5 18.exd5 ♗xd5 19.♗xd5 ♕xd5 20.♗c3±

**16.♖c1**

16.♘a5 ♘xa5 17.♗xa5 ♕d7 18.h3 c5 19.♗c3 ♗c6 20.♗c4±

**16...a5 17.♗c3 ♗c8!**

17...♘d7 18.d4 exd4 19.♘xd4 ♘xd4 20.♕xd4 ♕g5 21.♗d2 ♕c5 22.♕d3±

**18.d4**

18.♘e3 ♖b8 19.♘d5 ♘xd5 20.♗xd5 ♘b4=; 18.h3 ♗d7 19.♕d2 (19.d4!? exd4 20.♘xd4 ♘xe4 21.♖xe4 ♖xe4 22.♘xc6 ♗xc6 23.♘xa5 ♗e8 24.♖a1⯹) 19...♕b8 20.♗c2 ♘b4 21.d4 ♘xc2 22.♕xc2 exd4 23.♗xd4∞

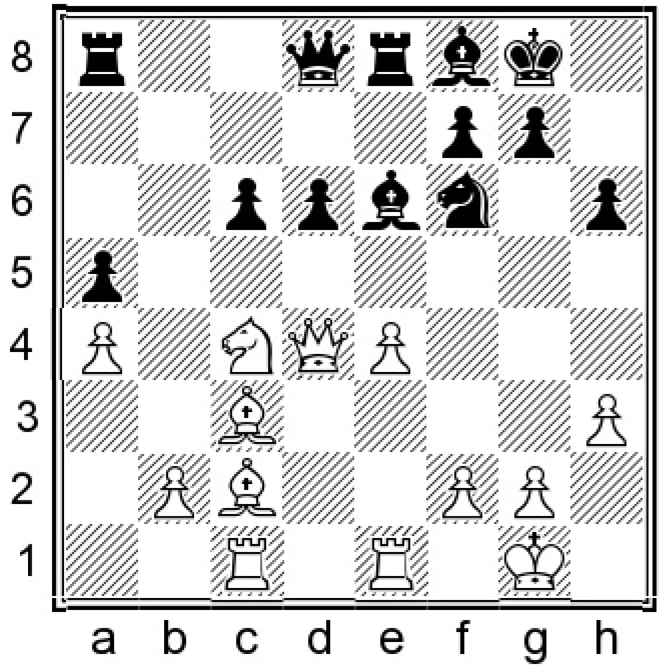
**18...exd4 19.♘xd4 ♘xd4 20.♕xd4 ♗e6 21.h3**

21.♘xa5?! c5 22.♕d2 ♗xb3 23.e5 (23.♘xb3 ♘xe4 24.♕c2 ♕h4∓) 23...♗xa4 24.exf6 g6 25.♖xe8 ♗xe8∓; 21.♖cd1 d5! 22.exd5 ♘xd5 23.♘xa5 (23.♗xa5 ♕b8 24.♕d3 ♗b4 25.♗xb4 ♕xb4=∞) 23...♘xc3 24.♕xd8 (24.♕xc3 ♕f6 25.♕xf6 gxf6 26.♗xe6 ♖xe6 27.♘c4 ♖xa4=) 24...♖exd8 25.♖xd8 ♖xd8 26.bxc3 ♖a8 27.♗xe6 fxe6 28.♘c4 ♖xa4=; 21.♕d3 d5 22.♗xf6 (22.exd5 ♘xd5 23.♗xa5 ♘b4 24.♕xd8 ♖axd8 25.♗xb4 (25.♗xc7? ♖c8∓) 25...♗xb4 26.♖e4 ♔f8=∞) 22...♕xf6 23.exd5 ♗d7 24.♕c3 ♖xe1+ 25.♖xe1 ♖b8 26.♕xf6 gxf6 27.♗c2 ♖b4=∞

**21...c6**

21...d5!? 22.exd5 ♕xd5 23.♕xd5 ♘xd5 24.♗xa5 ♘f4 25.♖c3 g5=∞

**22.♗c2**



**22...d5! 23.e5**

23.exd5 ♘xd5 24.♕e4 g6 25.♗e5 ♘f6 26.♕f3 ♘d7∞

**23...dxc4 24.♕xd8**

24.exf6 ♕xd4 25.♗xd4 ♗b4! 26.♖e2 (26.fxg7!? ♗xe1 27.♖xe1 ♗d5 28.♖c1∞) 26...♖ad8 27.♗b6 ♖b8 28.♗d4=

**24...♖exd8 25.exf6 ♗b4! 26.fxg7 ♗xc3 27.bxc3 ♔xg7**

27...♖ab8 28.♗e4 ♖d6 29.♖cd1 ♖xd1 30.♖xd1 ♖b3 31.♖c1 ♗d5=

**28.♔f1**

28.♗e4 ♗d5=

**28...♖ab8 29.♖b1 ♔f6 30.♖xb8 ♖xb8 31.♖b1 ♖xb1+ 32.♗xb1 ♔e5 33.♔e2 f5= 34.♗c2 f4 35.♗b1 c5 36.♗c2 ♗d7 37.f3 ♔f6 38.h4 ♔e5 39.♔f2 ♔f6 40.♔e2 ♔e5 41.♔f2 1/2-1/2**

**139. C90**
**Perunovic, Milos (2538) - Banusz, Tamas (2610)**
**chess.com (Internet) 151/139, 2021**

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.d3 d6 7.c3 O-O 8.♘bd2 ♖e8 9.♖e1 ♗f8 10.♘f1 h6 11.♘g3 b5 12.♗b3 ♘a5 13.♗c2 c5 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.♘xd4 ♗b7 17.b3**

17.♗f4 - 129/126

**17...♖c8 18.♗b2 ♘c6 19.♘xc6 ♗xc6 20.♕d3 h5N**

20...g6

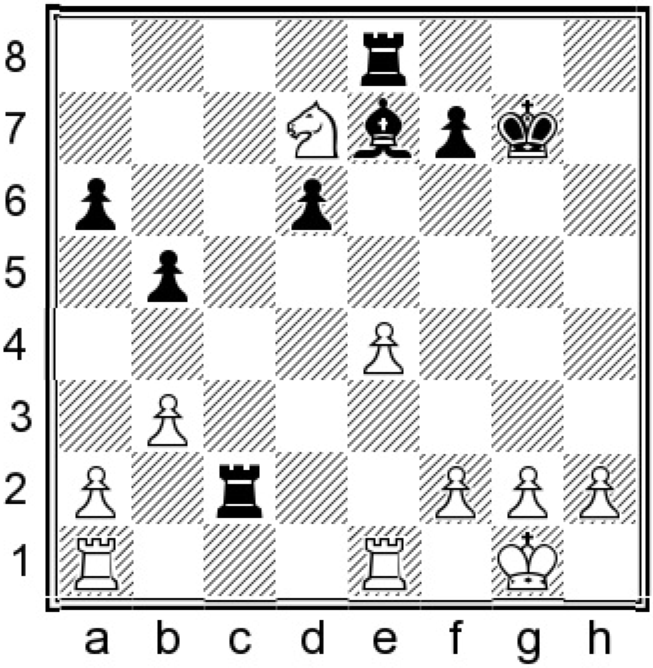
**21.♕f3 ♗d7?**

21...♗b7 22.♗xf6 ♕xf6 23.♕xf6 gxf6 24.♘xh5 (24.♗d3 h4 25.♘h5 ♗e7 26.g4!?∞) 24...♖e5 25.♗d1 f5 26.f4 ♖e6 27.♗f3 ♗xe4 28.♗xe4 fxe4 29.♖xe4 ♖c2=∞

**22.♗xf6 ♕xf6 23.♕xf6 gxf6 24.♘xh5! ♖xc2 25.♘xf6+ ♔g7**

⌓25...♔h8 26.♘xe8 (26.♘xd7 ♗g7 27.♖ad1 ♗c3! 28.♖e3 ♖e7 29.♘b8 (29.♘b6? ♗d4) 29...♗d4 30.♖f3 a5=∞) 26...♗xe8 27.♖ac1 ♖c5□ 28.e5 ♗h6 29.♖xc5 dxc5 30.♖d1 ♗g5□ (30...♔g7? 31.♖d8 ♗c6 32.♖c8+-) 31.f4 ♗e7 32.♔f2±

**26.♘xd7 ♗e7**



**27.♖e3?!⊕**

27.♘b6? ♗f6 28.♖ad1 ♗c3 29.♖f1 ♖xe4∞; 27.a4 bxa4 (27...b4 28.♖ac1+-) 28.bxa4 ♗d8 29.a5+-; 27.♔f1 ♗d8 28.♖e2 (28.♖ad1 ♖xa2 29.♖xd6+-) 28...♖xe2 29.♔xe2 ♖xe4+ 30.♔d3 ♖e7 31.♘b8+-

**27...♗h4 28.♖f1?**

28.g3 ♗g5 29.♖ee1 d5 (29...♗d8 30.♖ad1 ♖e6 31.a3+-) 30.exd5 ♖d8 31.♘e5 ♖xd5 32.♖ad1 ♖xd1 33.♖xd1±

**28...♖xa2 29.♘b6**

29.f4 a5∞

**29...f5! 30.g3 ♗g5 31.♖d3 fxe4 32.♖xd6 e3 33.fxe3 ♖xe3**

33...♗xe3+ 34.♔h1 ♗xb6 35.♖xb6 ♖ee2 36.♖c1 ♖xh2+ 37.♔g1=

**34.♖d7+ ♔h6 35.♖d6+ ♔g7 36.♖d7+ 1/2-1/2**

# D00-D24

**140. * D02**
**Banusz, Tamas (2631) - Gavrilescu, David (2477)**
**Reykjavik 151/140, 2021**

**1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗f4 c5 4.e3 ♘c6 5.♘bd2 cxd4 6.exd4 ♗f5 7.♗b5 ♖c8**

7...g6 8.♘e5 (8.O-O ♕b6 9.a4 ♗g7 10.♖e1 O-O 11.c3 a6 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.b4 a5!? 14.♖xe7 axb4 15.♗c7 ♕a6 16.cxb4 ♘e4⇄) 8...♕b6 9.c4!? ♗g7 (9...♖c8 10.O-O ♗g7 11.♗xc6+ bxc6 12.♘b3 O-O 13.c5 ♕a6 14.g4↑) 10.♕a4 O-O 11.c5 ♕d8 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♗xc6 ♘h5 14.♗e3 ♖b8 15.♘b3±; 7...♕b6 8.c4 a6 9.♗xc6+ bxc6 10.♕b3!? ♘d7 (10...♕a7 11.O-O e6 12.♘e5 ♖c8 13.♖ac1±; 10...♕xb3 11.axb3 ♘d7 12.♔e2 f6 13.♗g3 g5 14.♘f1 dxc4 15.bxc4± Δ Ne3) 11.O-O e6 12.♕a4!? ♗e7 13.♖fe1 ♖a7 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.♘e5↑ g5 16.♗g3 ♕b5 17.♕xb5 axb5 18.♘c6 ♖a6 19.♖ac1! (19.♖ec1 f6∞) 19...♔f8 (19...♖xa2?! 20.♘f1 ♗d3 21.♖a1 ♖a4 22.b3 ♖a3 23.♘e3↑) 20.♘f1 ♗f6 21.♘e3 ♔g7 22.♘b4 ♖a4 23.♘xf5+ exf5 24.♗d6 ♗xd4 25.♖c2 ♘f6 26.♗e7! ♖aa8 27.♘c6 ♗b6 28.♗xf6+ ♔xf6 29.♘e7±; 7...e6 8.♘e5 (8.O-O ♕b6 9.c4 dxc4 (9...♗e7 10.a4 O-O 11.c5±) 10.♕a4 a6 11.♗xc6+ ♕xc6 12.♕xc6+ bxc6 13.♘xc4 ♘d5 14.♗g3 a5⇄) 8...♕b6 9.c4! dxc4 (9...♕xd4 10.♘xc6 ♕xf4 11.g3! ♕d6 12.♘d4+ ♔d8 13.♘xf5 exf5 14.O-O↑) 10.♗xc6+ bxc6 11.♘dxc4 ♕a6 12.♕e2 ♗b4+ 13.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 14.♘xd2 ♕b5 15.b3 O-O 16.♖c1 ♕d5 17.♘df3 ♕a5+ 18.♕d2±

**8.♘e5**

8.c3 - 147/128; 8.O-O e6 9.c3 (9.c4 dxc4 10.♘xc4 ♗e7 11.♘ce5 ♕b6⇄) 9...♗e7 10.♘e5 O-O 11.♘xc6 bxc6 12.♗a6 ♖a8 13.♗b7 ♖b8 14.♗xb8 ♕xb8 15.♗xc6 ♕xb2 16.♘f3 h6 17.♕b3 ♗a3 18.♖ad1 ♖b8⯹

**8...♕b6**

8...♗d7 9.♘xd7 (9.♗xc6 ♗xc6 10.O-O e6 11.c3 ♗e7 12.♖e1 O-O 13.♖e3!? Δ Rh3↑) 9...♕xd7 10.c3 e6 11.O-O a6 12.♗d3 ♗d6 13.♗g5 ♗e7 14.♖e1 (14.f4!? O-O 15.♕f3↑) 14...♕c7 15.♕f3 O-O (15...♘d7 16.h4!?) 16.♖e2 Δ Rae1, Qh3↑

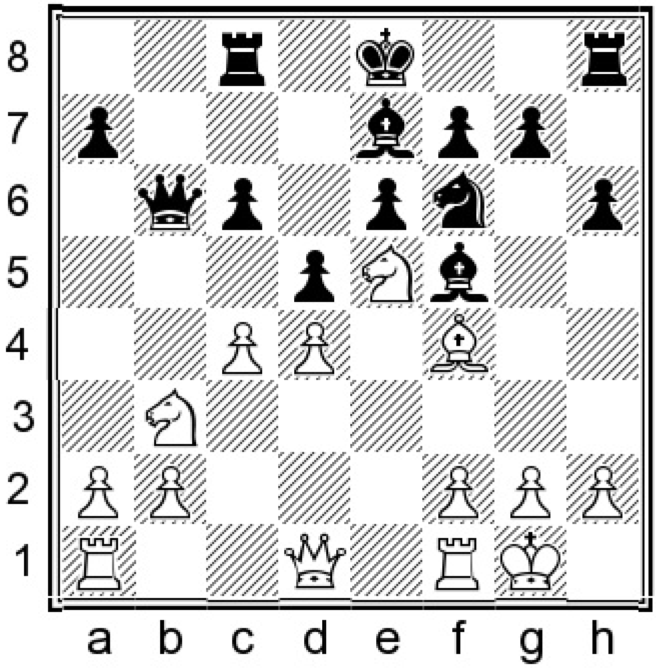
**9.♗xc6+ bxc6 10.♘b3 h6** - 151/140

10...h5!?N 11.O-O (11.♕e2 ♘e4 12.f3 ♘d6 13.O-O-O ♕b5 14.♖he1 ♕xe2 15.♖xe2 ♘b7!⇄) 11...♘e4 12.♖c1 (12.f3 ♘d6 13.g4 hxg4 14.fxg4 ♗e4 15.♗g3 f6 16.♘d3 ♘f7 (Δ e5) 17.♘dc5 ♘g5 18.h4 ♘h3+ 19.♔h2 ♘g5 20.♕e2 e6⇄) 12...g5!? 13.♗e3 f6 14.♘d3 (14.c4 ♕b8 15.♘d3 e6 16.f3 ♘d6 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.♘bc5 ♘c4⇄) 14...♘d6 15.♘bc5 ♔f7∞ Olsen,F (2366)-Hector,J (2447) Koebenhavn 151/(140) 2021

**11.O-O e6 12.c4**

12.g4 ♗h7 13.c3 ♗e7 14.♔h1 g5 15.♗e3 ♕b8!? (15...h5 16.♗xg5 hxg4 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♘xg4 ♗g5 19.♕e2 ♗f5 20.f3 ♔e7 21.♖f2 ♗f4 22.♘e3 ♗h3=∞) 16.f4 ♗d6 (16...h5 17.fxg5 ♘xg4 18.♘xg4 hxg4 19.♗f4 ♕b5 20.♕xg4 ♗f5 21.♕g3 ♕d3 22.♖ae1∞) 17.f5 O-O 18.♕f3 c5 19.♖ae1! (19.♕h3?! cxd4 20.cxd4 ♗xe5 21.dxe5 ♕xe5∓) 19...c4 20.♘d2 ♕xb2 21.h4 ♕xc3 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.♕g2 ♗xe5 24.dxe5 ♕xe5 25.♘f3=∞

**12...♗e7**



**13.c5N**

13.♕e2!? ♕b7 (13...♕a6 14.g4!? (14.♘c5) 14...♗h7 15.♖fe1 O-O 16.c5 ♕a4 17.f3 ♗d8 18.h4!?↑) 14.g4 ♗h7 15.♖fe1 O-O 16.♖ac1 (16.c5 ♗d8! 17.f3 a5⇄) 16...♗b4 17.♗d2 ♗xd2 18.♕xd2 ♘e4 19.♕e3 f6∞

**13...♕a6**

13...♕b7?! 14.♘a5! ♕a6 15.♕a4±

**14.♕d2**

14.f3 g5!? 15.♗e3 ♘d7 16.♘xd7 ♔xd7 17.♗f2 ♕d3 18.♕e1 h5 19.♗g3 h4 20.♗d6 ♗d8! 21.♖d1 ♕b5 22.h3 f6 23.f4 g4 24.hxg4 ♗xg4 25.f5! exf5 26.♕e3 ♕e2! 27.♖de1 ♕xe3+ 28.♖xe3 f4 29.♖xf4 f5 30.♖f2 ♖e8=

**14...♗d8!?**

14...g5 15.♗e3 ♘g4 16.♖fe1 ♘xe3 17.♖xe3 f6 18.♘d3 ♗d8 19.♖ae1 O-O 20.♘bc1 ♕b7 (20...♕c4 21.♖xe6 ♗xe6 22.♖xe6 ♕xd4 23.h3=∞ ∆ Ne2) 21.h3 h5 22.♕e2 ♕f7 23.g4 ♗g6 24.♖xe6 ♗e4 25.♖xe4 dxe4 26.♕xe4 f5!? 27.♕e3 ♗f6 28.gxf5 ♖ce8 29.♘e5 ♗xe5 30.dxe5 ♕xf5∞

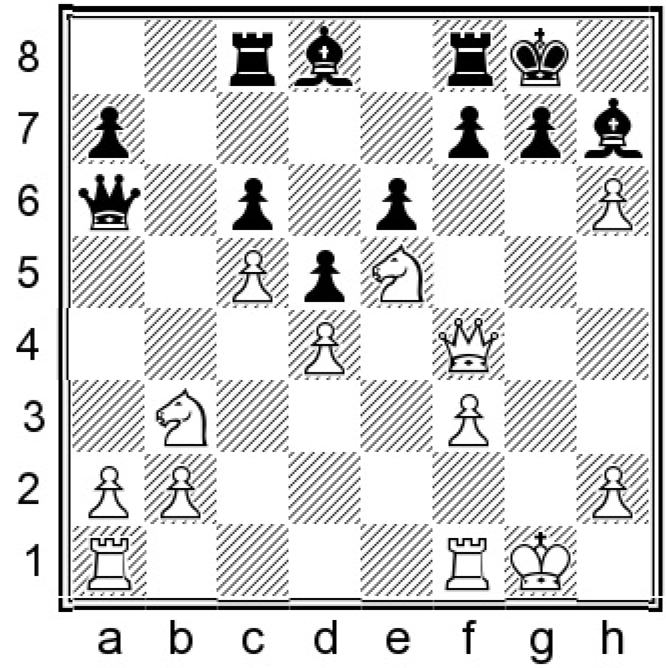
**15.f3 O-O 16.g4 ♗h7 17.g5**

17.♖f2!? ♔h8!? 18.h4 (18.♘c1!?) 18...♘g8∞

**17...♘h5!?**

17...hxg5 18.♗xg5 ♖c7 19.♔h1 ♕c8 20.♘a5 (20.♕e1 ♘h5∞) 20...♘e4!? 21.fxe4 ♗xg5 22.♕xg5 f6 23.♕f4 g5⇄

**18.gxh6 ♘xf4 19.♕xf4**



**19...g5□**

19...♕b7? 20.hxg7 ♖e8 21.♔h1 f6 22.♘g4 ♕xg7 23.♖g1 ♔h8 24.♘h6+-

**20.♕g3?!**

20.♕g4 ♖c7! 21.f4 ♗f5 22.♕h5 ♔h8 23.fxg5 ♗xg5 24.♖xf5 exf5 25.♔h1 ♖g8□ 26.♖g1 ♗e3 27.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 28.h7+ ♔h8 29.♕xf5 ♕e2!=

**20...f6!**

20...♖c7? 21.f4 f6 (21...♗f5 22.fxg5 ♔h7 23.♖xf5 exf5 24.♔f2 ♕c8 25.♘d2↑ Δ Ndf3+-) 22.fxg5 fxe5 23.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 24.g6+-; 20...♔h8 21.f4 ♗f5 22.fxg5 ♗xg5 23.h7 f6 24.♖xf5 exf5 25.♘g6+ ♔xh7 26.♘xf8+ ♖xf8 27.♖e1 ♖f7 28.♔h1 ♖g7 29.♕f3 ♔g6 30.♖f1 ♕c8 31.♕e2∞

**21.f4**

21.♘g4 ♗c7 22.♕g2 ♗f5 23.♘c1 ♔h7 24.♘e2 ♗d3∓

**21...fxe5 22.fxg5 ♖xf1+?**

22...♖f5 23.h4 (23.♖xf5 ♗xf5 24.♕xe5 ♕b7 25.h4 ♔h7 26.♖f1 ♕f7-+) 23...♗g6 24.♖xf5 ♗xf5 25.♕xe5 ♕b7 26.♖f1 ♕f7 27.♘c1 ♗c7 28.♕e2 e5 29.♘d3 exd4 30.♕f2 ♖f8 31.♕xd4 ♕e7∓; 22...♗f5

23.♖ae1 ♔h7 24.h4 (24.♕xe5 ♕b7 25.h4 ♕e7 26.♕d6 ♕f7-+) 24...♕b7 25.dxe5 ♗e7 26.♔h2 ♗g6∓

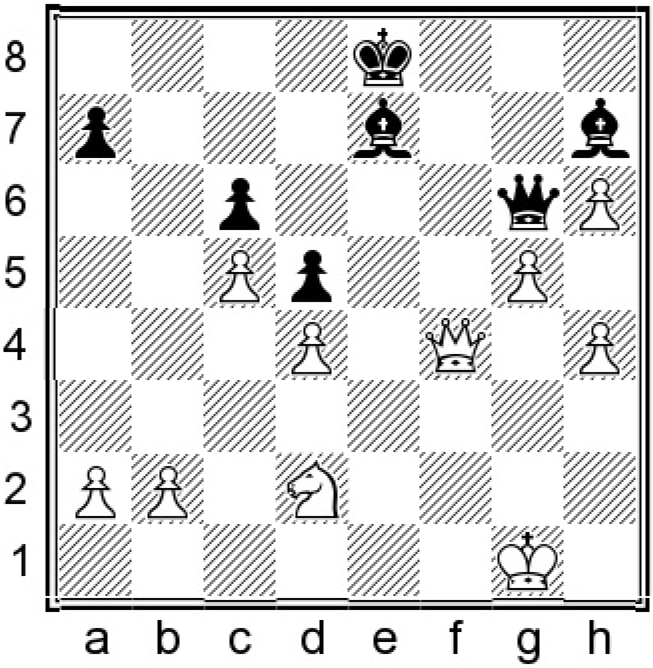
**23.♖xf1 ♕d3 24.♕xe5=∞ ♕g6 25.h4 ♗e7?**

25...♖c7! 26.♘a5 ♕e8! (26...♖f7? 27.♖xf7 ♕xf7 28.♕b8 ♕c7 29.♕xc7 ♗xc7 30.♘xc6+-; 26...♕e4 27.♕xe4 ♗xe4 28.♔h2±) 27.♖f2 (27.♖e1 ♖e7 28.♕f6 ♖f7 29.♕xe6 ♕xe6 30.♖xe6 ♗xa5 31.g6=) 27...♗g6! 28.♖e2 ♔h7! (28...♖e7?! 29.♕f6! ♗e4 30.♘xc6! ♕xc6 31.g6 ♕e8 32.h5 e5 33.♖xe4! dxe4 34.d5±) 29.♕xe6 ♖e7 30.♕f6 ♖c7 31.♕e5 ♖e7 32.♕f6=

**26.♖f6!?**

26.♘a5! ♖f8 27.♘xc6 ♖xf1+ 28.♔xf1 ♗f8 (28...♕b1+ 29.♔f2 ♕xb2+ 30.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 31.♔xe2 ♗f8 32.♘xa7+-) 29.♔f2 ♕e8 30.♕c7 ♕h5 31.♕f4 ♗f5 32.♘e5+-

**26...♗xf6 27.♕xe6+ ♔f8 28.♕xc8+ ♔f7 29.♕c7+ ♗e7 30.♕f4+ ♔e8 31.♘d2**



**31...♕h5?!**

31...♕c2! 32.b4 ♗g6 33.♘f3 ♗e4 34.♕e3 ♔d8 35.♘d2 ♗g6 36.♔f2 ♔d7 37.b5 cxb5 38.♔g3 ♗d8 39.♘f3 ♗c7+ 40.♘e5+ ♗xe5+ 41.dxe5 (41.♕xe5 ♕d3+ 42.♔f2 ♕d2+=) 41...♗e4 42.♕f2 ♕d3+=

**32.♔f2 ♕d1 33.b4± ♗d3 34.♕e3 ♗f5 35.♘f3 ♗e4 36.♔g3 ♕h1 37.♕f2! ♗f5 38.♕g2 ♕d1**

38...♕xg2+ 39.♔xg2 ♗e4 40.♔g3 ♗d8 41.♘e5 ♗c7 42.h5+-

**39.♕d2 ♕h1**

39...♕f1 40.♕f4! ♗e4 41.♕e3 a6 42.a4 ♔d8 43.♘d2 ♕g2+ 44.♔f4 ♗g6 45.♘f3 ♗e4 46.b5 cxb5 47.axb5 axb5 48.h7! ♗xh7 49.♕e5+-

**40.♕f4 ♕h3+ 41.♔f2 ♗e4 42.♕b8+ ♗d8 43.♕g3!+- ♕h1 44.♘d2**

44.h7 ♗xh7 45.♕e5+ ♔f7 46.♕h8

**44...♗g6 45.♕g4 ♕h2+ 46.♔e3 ♔e7 47.♕f4 ♕h3+ 48.♘f3 ♗e4 49.h7 ♗xh7 50.♕f6+ 1-0**

**141. D02**
**Rozum, Ivan (2549) - Paravyan, David (2629)**
**Russia 151/141, 2021**

**1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 c5 4.O-O e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.b3!?**

6.♘xd4 - 90/315

**6...♗c5 7.♗b2 ♕e7!?N**

7...O-O 8.♗xd4 (8.♘xd4 e5 9.♘f3 e4 10.♘d4 ♘c6 11.♘xc6 bxc6∓) 8...♗xd4 9.♕xd4 ♘c6 10.♕f4∞; 7...♘c6

**8.♘e5**

8.♗xd4 ♗xd4 9.♕xd4 ♘c6 10.♕b2 O-O (10...e5 11.c4 d4 (11...dxc4 12.bxc4 e4 13.♘d4 ♕e5 14.♖d1 O-O 15.♕b5) 12.e3 dxe3 13.fxe3 O-O 14.♘c3 h6 15.♘h4∞)

**8...♘c6 9.♘xc6 bxc6 10.♗xd4 ♗xd4 11.♕xd4 e5 12.♕b2?!**

12.♕a4 ♗d7 (12...O-O!? 13.♕xc6 ♗g4 14.♕a6 ♖ac8=∞) 13.c4 h5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.♕a5∞

**12...h5! 13.c4 h4 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.♖d1 ♗b7 16.♕a3 h3! 17.♗h1?**

17.♗f1 d4↑

**17...♕xa3 18.♘xa3 O-O-O**

18...♔e7 19.♘c4 ♔e6∓

**19.e3 e4**

19...g5 20.♖ac1+ ♔b8 21.♗f3 ♖he8↑

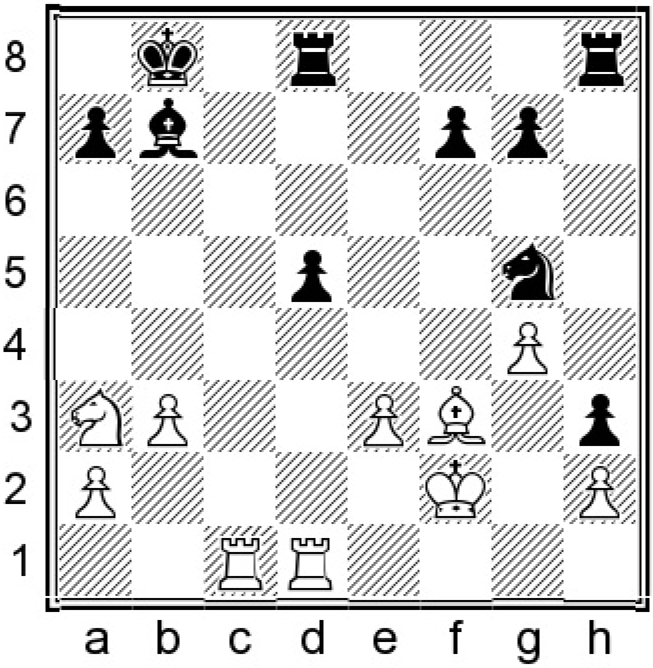
**20.f3 ♔b8 21.♖ac1 ♘h7 22.g4 ♘g5**

22...exf3 23.♗xf3 ♘g5 24.♗h1 d4 25.♗xb7 ♔xb7 26.♔f2 dxe3+ 27.♔xe3 ♖he8+ 28.♔f4 ♖xd1 29.♖xd1 f6 30.♖d2 (30.♖d7+?! ♔c6 31.♖d2 (31.♖xa7? ♖e2-+)) 30...♖e4+ 31.♔g3 ♖e3+ 32.♔f2 ♖f3+ 33.♔e2 ♖f4 34.♖d7+ ♔c8 35.♖xg7 ♖xg4 36.♖g6 ♖g2+ 37.♔e3 ♖xh2 38.♖xf6 ♖xa2 39.♘c4 h2 40.♖h6 ♖g2 41.♔f4∓

**23.♔f2?**

23.fxe4 dxe4 24.♘c4∓

**23...exf3 24.♗xf3**



**24...♖h6!**

24...♖d6!

**25.♗e2 ♖e8 26.♖d4 ♖f6+**

26...♖he6 27.♘c2 ♖c8 28.♗d3 ♖ec6-+

**27.♖f4 ♘e4+ 28.♔g1**

28.♔f1 a6!?∓ ×b5 (28...♖xf4+ 29.exf4 d4 30.♘b5 ♘g3+ 31.hxg3 h2 32.♔f2 ♖c8 33.♖f1 (33.♖d1 ♖c2 34.♘xd4 ♖d2! 35.♖xd2 h1=♕∓) 33...h1=♕ 34.♖xh1 ♗xh1 35.♘xd4∓)

**28...♖xf4 29.exf4 d4! 30.♗b5**

30.♗d3 ♘c3 31.♖c2 ♖e1+ 32.♔f2 ♖h1 33.♔g3 ♖d1 34.♗e2 ♖g1+ 35.♔xh3 ♗e4 36.♖d2 ♖g2-+

**30...♖h8 31.♘b1**

31.♗e2 ♘c3-+

**31...♖h4 32.♗e2 d3! 33.♗d1 f5 34.♖c4 fxg4 35.♘c3 ♘d2 36.♖d4 g3! 37.♖xd3 gxh2+ 38.♔xh2 ♘f1+ 0-1**

**142. D10**
**So, Wesley (2772) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752)**
**Berlin 151/142, 2022**

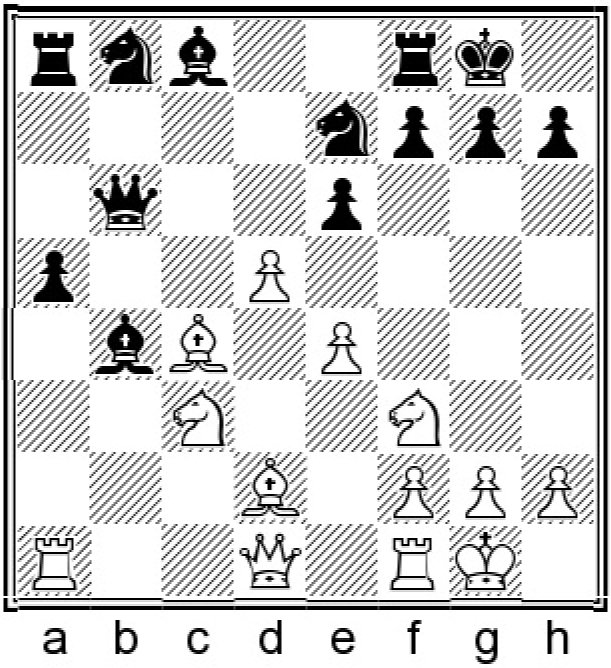
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 5.axb5 cxb5 6.♘c3 ♕b6**

6...a6 - 126/ 121

**7.b3 e6 8.bxc4 ♗b4 9.♗d2 bxc4 10.♘f3 ♘e7**

10...♘f6

**11.♗xc4 O-O 12.O-O a5 13.d5N**



13.♘a4 ♕d6 14.e5 (14.g3!?) 14...♕c7

**13...♗a6!**

13...♕c7?! 14.♗a2 ♘a6 (14...exd5 15.♖c1 ♕d8 16.exd5±) 15.♖c1±; 13...h6 14.♖c1±

**14.♘a4**

14.♕b3 ♗xc4 15.♕xc4 ♕a6=; 14.♗xa6 ♖xa6 (14...♕xa6 15.♕a4 exd5 16.♘xd5 ♘xd5 17.exd5 ♖d8 18.♖fd1 ♗xd2 19.♘xd2 ♘d7 20.♘c4 ♘b6 21.♘xb6 ♕xb6=) 15.♖b1 exd5 16.♘xd5 ♘xd5 17.exd5 ♘d7=

**14...♕d8!**

14...♕b7 15.♗xa6 ♕xa6 16.♗xb4 axb4 17.♕d4±

**15.♗xa6 ♖xa6**

15...♘xa6?! 16.♗xb4 axb4 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.♕b3±

**16.dxe6 ♖xe6 17.♗xb4 axb4 18.♕xd8 ♖xd8 19.♘c5 ♖c6**

19...♖b6!?=

**20.♖fc1**

20.♖fd1 ♖xd1+ 21.♖xd1 g6 22.♖d8+ ♔g7 23.♖xb8 ♖xc5 24.♔f1 ♘c6=

**20...♖dc8 21.♘b3 ♖xc1+ 22.♖xc1 ♖xc1+ 23.♘xc1 f5= 24.exf5 ♘xf5 25.♔f1 ♘c6 26.♔e2 ♔f7**

**27.♔d3 ♘d6 28.♘e2 ♔f6 29.♘ed4 ♘xd4 30.♘xd4 ♘f5 31.♘f3**

31.♘xf5 ♔xf5 32.♔c4 ♔e4 33.♔xb4 ♔d3 34.♔c5 ♔e2 35.f4 ♔f2 36.♔d6 ♔xg2 37.♔e6=

**31...♘d6 32.♘d4 ♘f5 33.♘f3 ♘d6 34.♘d4 1/2-1/2**

**143. *** D10**
**Aronian, Levon (2772) - Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752)**
**Berlin (playoff-m/1-rapid) 151/143, 2022**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.a4 c6 5.axb5 cxb5 6.♘c3 ♕b6 7.♘d5 ♕b7 8.♗f4 e5! 9.♗xe5 ♘d7 10.♗f4!** - 151/143

10.♘f3?N ♘gf6! 11.♗xf6 (11.♘c7+ ♔d8 12.♘a6 ♕xe4+∓) 11...♘xf6 12.♘xf6+ gxf6 13.♗e2 ♗b4+ 14.♔f1 O-O∓ Greenfeld,A (2502)-Nguyen,T (2577) tornelo.com (Int.-m/1) 151/(143) 2021; 10.♗g3N ♘gf6 11.♘c7+ ♔d8 12.f3 (12.♘xa8?? ♗b4+-+) 12...♖b8?? (12...♘xe4 13.fxe4 ♗b4+ 14.♔f2 ♘f6 15.♗xc4 bxc4 16.♘xa8 ♘xe4+= 17.♔f1 ♘d2+ 18.♔f2 ♘e4+=) 13.♘a6+- Praggnanandhaa,R (2608)-Abdumalik,Z (2472) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/(143) 2021

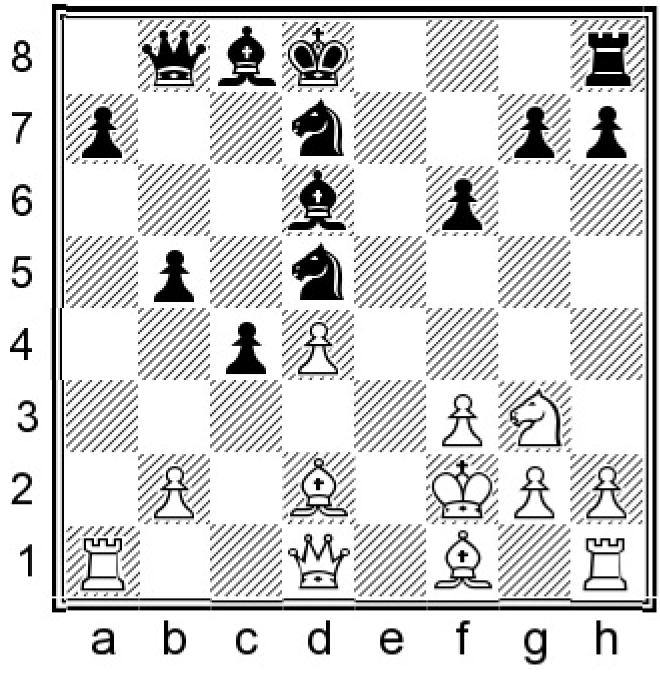
**10...♘gf6 11.♘c7+ ♔d8 12.♘xa8 ♕xe4+ 13.♘e2 ♕xa8 14.f3**

14.♘c3 a6 15.f3 ♘d5 16.♗g5+ f6 17.♗d2 ♘xc3 18.bxc3 ♗d6 19.♔f2 h5 20.♕c2 ♕a7 21.♖e1 ♘b6=

**14...♘d5 15.♗g5+N**

15.♗d2 - 151/(143) 15...♗d6 16.♘c3 Guseva,M (2372)-Dev,S (2248) chess.com (Int. -blitz) 151/(143) 2022 (16.♘c3 ♘xc3 17.bxc3 ♘f6 18.♗g5 a5 19.♗e2 ♖e8 20.♔f2 ♕d5=∞)15.♔f2 ♘7b6 16.g3 a5 (16...♗b7) 17.♕c1 a4 18.♘c3 ♕c6=∞

**15...f6 16.♗d2 ♗d6 17.♘g3 ♕b8 18.♔f2**



**18...♖e8?!**

18...a6!? 19.♗e2 ♗c7 20.♖e1 g6 21.♘e4 ♖e8⇄; 18...♗c7! 19.♘e4 ♖e8 20.♘c3 ♘e7! 21.b3 b4 22.bxc4 bxc3 23.♗xc3 ♗xh2∓

**19.♗e2 ♗c7 20.♖e1 ♗b6?**

20...a6! 21.♗f1 ♕a7! 22.♗c3 (22.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 23.♗c3 ♘e5∞) 22...♖xe1 23.♕xe1 b4 24.♕e4 ♗b7 25.♗d2 c3 26.bxc3 ♘xc3 27.♕xh7 ♕xd4+ 28.♗e3 ♗xg3+ 29.hxg3 ♘e4+! 30.fxe4 ♕xa1 31.♕g8+ ♔e7 32.♕xg7+ ♔d8 33.♕h8+ ♔e7=

**21.♔g1 ♘e5 22.♔h1 ♘c6 23.b3!+- c3 24.♗xb5 ♗d7 25.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 26.♗e1 ♘xd4 27.♗xe8 c2 28.♕d3 ♔xe8 29.♗d2**

29.♖c1!?; 29.♘e2

**29...♕e5 30.♖c1 f5 31.♕c4 ♘e3**

RR31...f4!?

**32.♕c8+ ♔f7 33.♕d7+ ♔g6 34.f4! ♕e6 35.♕xe6+ ♘xe6 36.♘e2 ♘g4 37.g3 ♘c5 38.b4 ♘d3 39.♖xc2 ♘gf2+ 40.♔g2 ♘e4 41.♘c1 1-0**

**144. D12**
**So, Wesley (2772) - Shirov, Alexei (2704)**
**Berlin 151/144, 2022**

**1.c4 c6 2.♘f3 d5 3.d4 ♘f6 4.e3 ♗f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4 ♗e4 7.f3 ♗g6 8.♗d2 dxc4**

8...♗e7 - 147/130

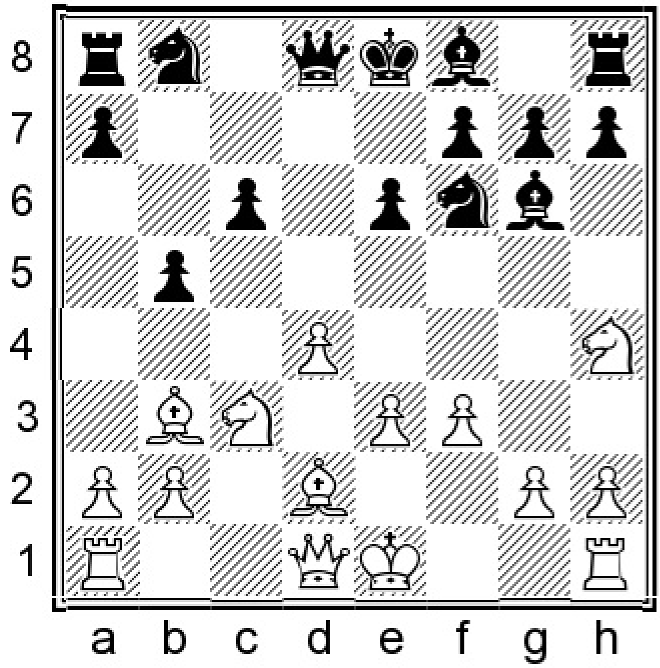
**9.♗xc4**

9.♘xg6

**9...b5N**

9...a6; 9...♗h5

**10.♗b3**



10.♘xg6 hxg6 11.♗d3±

**10...♗d3!? 11.♗c1 ♗c4 12.♗xc4 bxc4 13.g3**

13.f4 ♗b4 14.O-O O-O=

**13...c5**

13...♘bd7!?

**14.♕a4+**

14.dxc5!?

**14...♘bd7**

14...♕d7 15.dxc5 ♗xc5 16.♕xc4 ♗b6 17.O-O±

**15.♕xc4**

15.dxc5 ♗xc5 16.♕xc4 ♖c8 17.♕e2 O-O 18.O-O ♗b4 19.♗d2 ♘e5⩱

**15...cxd4 16.♕xd4 ♗c5**

16...♕a5!?; 16...♖b8!?

**17.♕c4 ♖c8 18.♕e2 ♘e5**

18...♗b4 19.♗d2 O-O 20.O-O ♘e5 21.♖fd1 ♕d3⩱

**19.O-O ♕d3 20.♕xd3 ♘xd3 21.♘g2 ♔e7 22.♖d1 ♖hd8 23.♔f1 ♗b4**

23...♗a3!?⩱

**24.♘e2**

24.♘b5

**24...♘e5?**

24...g5; 24...♘xc1 25.♖axc1 ♖xc1 26.♖xc1 ♖d2 27.♖b1 g5!? (27...♘d7 28.a3 (28.f4 ♘f6 29.♘d4 ♔e8 30.♘b3 ♖c2⯹) 28...♗a5 29.b4 ♗b6⯹) 28.♘d4 ♔d7⯹

**25.♖xd8 ♖xd8?!**

25...♔xd8 26.a3 ♗a5 27.b4 ♗b6 28.♘e1⩲

**26.♘d4 ♗c5?!**

26...♖c8±

**27.♘b3 ♗b6 28.♔e2 ♘d5**

28...a5!?

**29.e4 ♘b4 30.♗d2 a5 31.♗c3**

31.♘e1!?±

**31...♘c4**

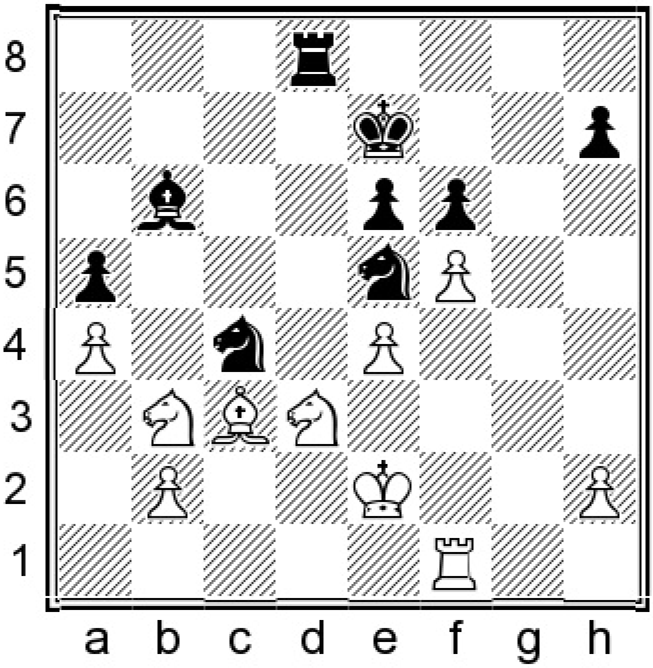
⌓31...♘bc6

**32.a4 ♘d3 33.♖b1 f6 34.♘e1 ♘de5 35.♖c1 g5 36.f4 gxf4 37.gxf4 ♘g6 38.♘d3+- ♗e3**

⌓38...e5

**39.♖f1 ♗b6 40.f5 exf5**

40...♘ge5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41.♘f4! (41.♘xe5 ♘xe5 42.♘xa5 ♗xa5 43.♗xa5 ♖d4 44.b3 ♖xe4+ 45.♔d2) 41...♘e3 42.♗xa5 ♗xa5 43.♔xe3

**41.♖xf5 ♖d6 42.♖h5 ♖e6 43.♖xh7+ ♔d6 44.♔f3 ♔c6 45.♘f4 ♘xf4 46.♔xf4 ♖d6 47.♖f7 ♘e5 48.♖g7 ♖d1 49.♘xa5+ ♔d6 50.♗b4+ 1-0**

# D25-D49

**145. D27**
**Grischuk, Alexander (2764) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2736)**
**Berlin 151/145, 2022**

**1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 e6 5.♗xc4 c5 6.O-O a6 7.♖e1 ♘c6**

7...b5 - 53/(378)

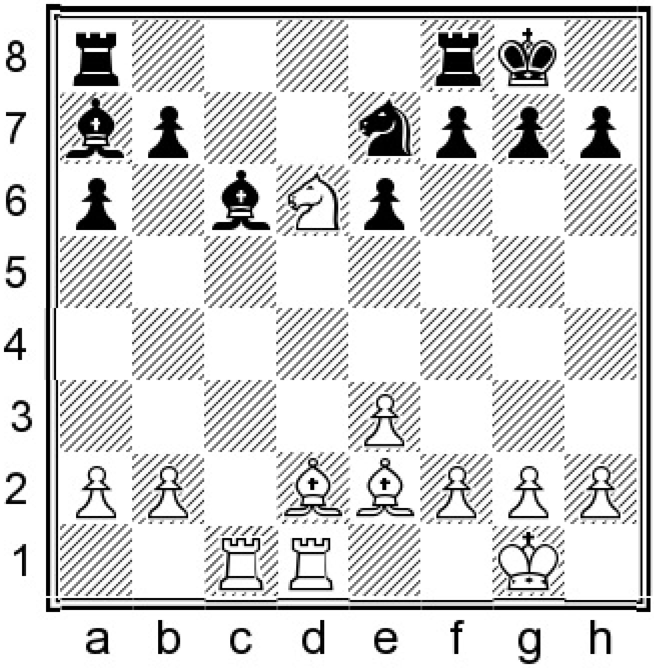
**8.♘c3 ♗e7 9.dxc5 ♕xd1 10.♖xd1 ♗xc5 11.♗d2 ♗d7 12.♖ac1 O-O 13.♗e2 ♗a7 14.♘g5**

14.♘a4 ♖fd8 15.♗e1 (15.♘c5 ♗xc5 16.♖xc5 ♘e4=) 15...♗e8=

**14...♘e7N**

14...♖fd8 15.♘ce4 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♗e8=

**15.♘ce4 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 ♗c6 17.♘d6**



**17...♖fd8!**

17...♗b6 18.♘c4 (18.♗f3!?) 18...♗c7 19.♘a5 ♗xa5 20.♗xa5±

**18.♘xb7?!**

18.♗a5 ♖d7 19.b3↑

**18...♗xb7 19.♖c7 ♗c6**

19...♗e4!? 20.♖xe7 ♗c2 21.♖c1 ♖xd2 22.♗f3 ♗xe3 23.fxe3 (23.♗xa8 ♗xf2+ 24.♔h1 g5⯹) 23...♖ad8=

**20.♖xe7 ♗b6 21.♔f1! a5 22.♖c1! ♗e4**

22...♗xg2+ 23.♔xg2 ♖xd2 24.♗f3 ♖ad8 25.♖c3 ♖xb2 26.♖b7⯹

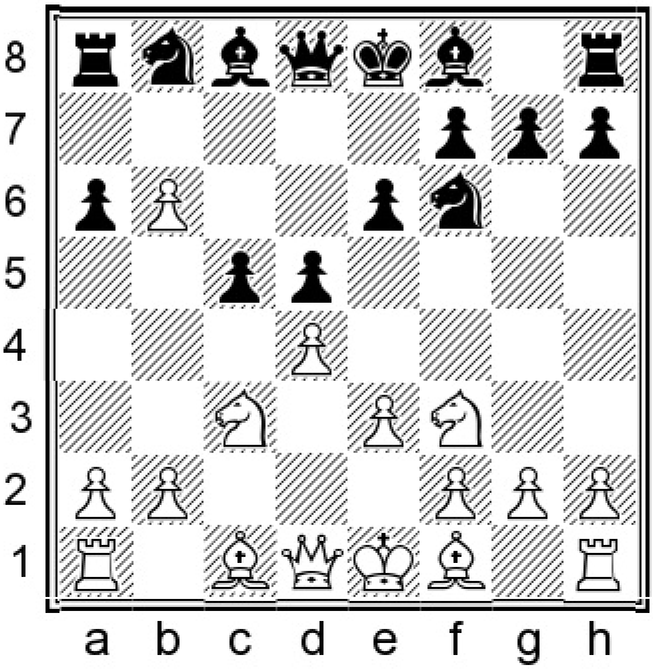
**23.♖c4! ♔f8 24.♖xe4 ♔xe7 25.♗c3⯹ g5 26.g4 ♖ac8 27.♖a4 ♖d5 28.♔g2 h6 29.h3 ♖dc5 30.♔f3 ♖xc3 31.bxc3 ♖xc3= 1/2-1/2**

**146. ** D30**
**Leitao, Rafael Duailibe (2592) - Supi, Luis Paulo (2581)**
**Sao Paulo 151/146, 2022**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 a6 4.c5 b6**

4...♘f6 - 146/134

**5.cxb6 c5 6.e3 ♘f6 7.♘c3**



**7...cxd4?!**

7...♕xb6 8.♘a4; 7...♘bd7! 8.b3N (8.♗e2 - 151/(146) 8...♘xb6 (8...♕xb6 9.O-O ♗d6 10.♗d2 O-O 11.♘a4 ♕b8 12.♖c1 cxd4 13.exd4 a5=) 9.O-O ♗d6 10.dxc5N (10.b3) 10...♗xc5 11.b3= Ernst,S (2532)-Grandelius,N (2669) Riga (blitz) 151/(146) 2021 (11.e4!? dxe4! (11...O-O 12.e5 ♘fd7 13.♗g5±) 12.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 13.♘g5 ♔e7 14.♘gxe4 ♘xe4 15.♘xe4 ♗d4 16.♖d1 (16.♗d2 ♘d5=) 16...♖d8 17.♗d2 a5 18.♖ac1 ♗xb2 19.♖b1 ♘a4 20.♗b5 ♗d7 21.♗g5+ f6 22.♖xd7+ ♖xd7 23.♗e3 ♘c3 24.♘xc3 ♗xc3 25.♗xd7 ♔xd7 26.♖b7+ ♔d6 27.♖xg7 ♖h8=)) 8...cxd4 9.exd4 ♕xb6 (9...♘e4! 10.♗b2 ♗b4 11.♖c1 ♕xb6 12.♗d3 ♕a5! 13.♗xe4 dxe4 14.♘d2 ♗b7 15.O-O ♕f5 16.♕e2 ♘f6=) 10.♗d3 ♗d6 11.O-O O-O 12.♘a4 ♕b8 13.♗b2± Vidit,S (2726)-Mamedyarov,S (2782) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/(146) 2021

**8.exd4 ♕xb6 9.♗d3 ♘bd7N**

9...♗d6

**10.O-O ♗d6 11.♘a4± ♕a7?!**

11...♕b8 12.b4!? ♕xb4 (12...O-O 13.♖b1 Δ Nc5±) 13.♖b1 ♕a5 14.♘e5! ♘xe5 (14...O-O 15.♗f4±) 15.dxe5 ♗xe5 16.♘b6 ♖b8 17.♕c2 O-O 18.♗d2 ♕xb6 19.♖xb6 ♖xb6 20.♖e1∞

**12.♗e3!±** [Δ Ne5] **12...O-O**

12...♘g4 13.♗d2±

**13.♘e5 ♗b7 14.♖c1 ♖ac8 15.♕e2?!**

15.♘xd7! ♘xd7 16.♘c5! ♗xc5 (16...♘xc5? 17.dxc5 ♗xc5 18.♖xc5! ♖xc5 19.b4+-; 16...♖c7 17.b4±) 17.dxc5 ♗c6 18.f4±

**15...♕b8**

15...♖xc1 16.♖xc1 ♖c8±

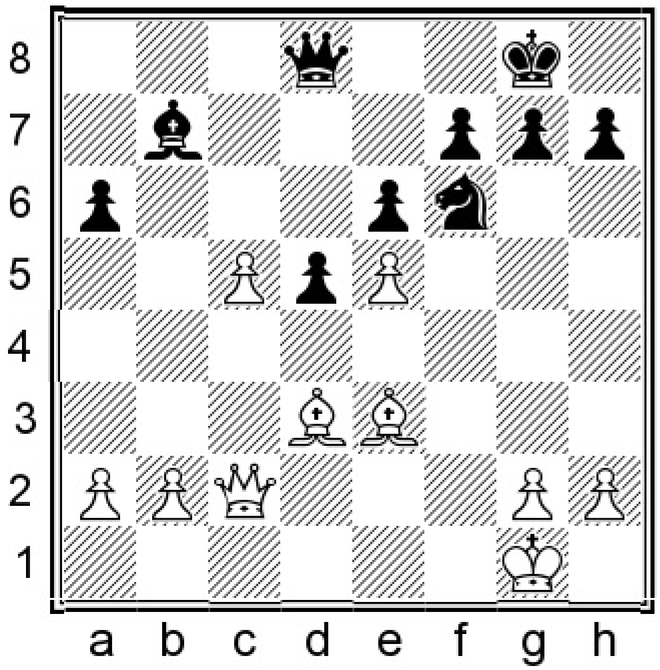
**16.f4 ♖xc1 17.♖xc1 ♖c8 18.♖xc8+**

18.♗xa6?? ♖xc1+ 19.♗xc1 ♕c8-+

**18...♕xc8 19.♕c2! ♕d8!?**

19...♕xc2 20.♗xc2 ♘b8 21.♘c5 ♗c8 22.b4±

**20.♘c5 ♗xc5 21.dxc5 ♘xe5 22.fxe5**



**22...d4?**

22...♘g4! 23.♗d4 ♕g5! (Δ Qf4) (23...♕h4? 24.g3) 24.c6 ♗c8 (24...♕f4? 25.cxb7 ♕xd4+ 26.♔h1 ♘f2+ 27.♕xf2+-) 25.♕c3 f6! 26.exf6 e5! 27.♗a7 gxf6 28.h3 ♘h6±

**23.c6! ♗c8**

23...dxe3 24.cxb7+-; 23...♗xc6 24.♕xc6 (24.♗c1+-) 24...dxe3 25.exf6 gxf6 26.♕xa6+-

**24.♗g5 ♕a5 25.♕e2?!**

25.exf6? ♕xg5=; 25.♗xf6! gxf6 26.exf6 ♕e1+ 27.♗f1 (Δ Qf2) 27...♕e5 28.♕f2 ♔f8 29.♗d3 ♕d6 30.♕g3+-

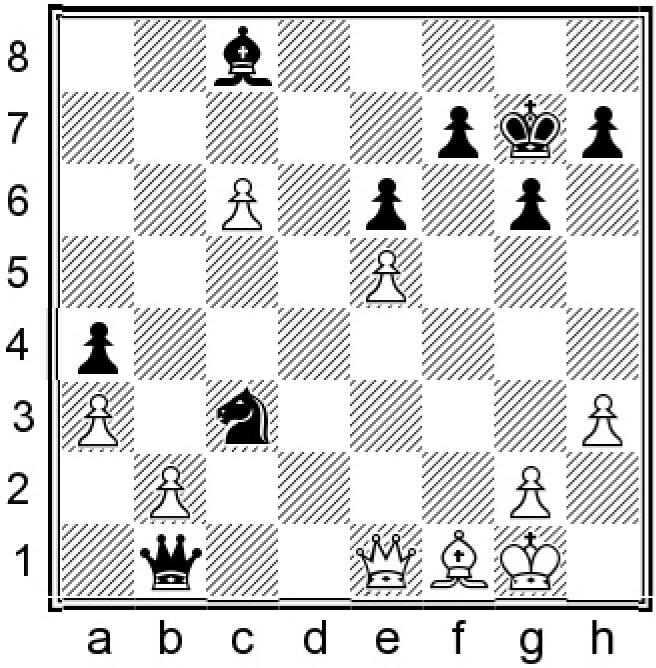
**25...♘d5 26.♕e4 g6 27.♕xd4 ♕e1+**

27...♕xa2 28.♗h6!+-

**28.♗f1 a5 29.♗d2 ♕d1 30.♗c3?!**

30.♔f2! (Δ Bc4!+-) 30...♕c2 31.♗c4 ♕f5+ 32.♔g3

**30...♕c1 31.♕d2 ♕b1 32.a3 a4 33.h3 ♔g7 34.♕f2 ♕c1 35.♕d2 ♕b1 36.♕e1 ♘xc3**



36...♕c2 37.♗c4+-

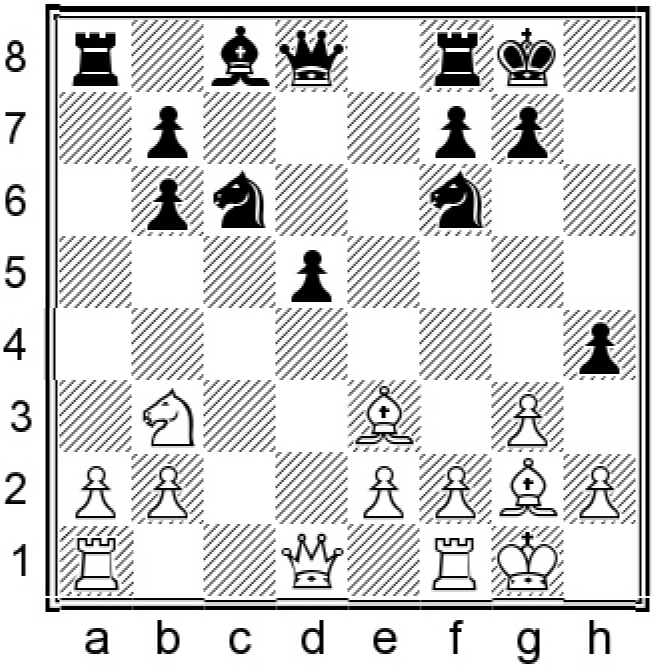
**37.♕xc3?**

37.♕xb1!! ♘xb1 38.♔f2 ♘d2 (38...f6 39.♔e3 fxe5 40.♗d3 ♘xa3 41.bxa3+-) 39.♗b5 ♘e4+ 40.♔e3 ♘g3 41.♗xa4+-

**37...♗a6 38.♕f3 ♕c1 39.♕f6+ ♔g8 40.♕d8+ ♔g7 41.♕f6+ ♔g8 42.c7 ♕xc7! 43.♗xa6 ♕b6+ 44.♔h2 ♕xa6 45.♕d8+ ♔g7 46.♕f6+ ♔g8 47.♕d8+ ♔g7 1/2-1/2**

**147. D34**
**Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2686) - Oparin, Grigoriy (2681)**
**Berlin 151/147, 2022**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 c5 3.g3 e6 4.♘f3 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.d4 ♘c6 7.♗g2 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♗c5 9.♘b3 ♗b6 10.♘a4 O-O 11.♘xb6 axb6 12.♗e3 h5 13.O-O h4**



**14.gxh4!?**

14.♗g5 - 141/130

**14...♗g4?!N**

14...♘g4 15.♗f4 ♕xh4 16.♕xd5 ♕f6 17.♕d2 ♗e6 18.♗g3 ♖a4⩱; 14...♕d6!?

**15.f3 ♗f5 16.♘d4 ♗g6**

16...♘xd4 17.♕xd4 ♖e8 18.♖fe1±

**17.♕d2 ♖e8 18.♖fe1 ♘h5 19.♗f2± ♕f6 20.♕g5**

20.♗f1 ♖a4 21.♘xc6 bxc6 22.♗xb6 ♖xh4 23.♗f2 d4!? 24.♖ad1 ♖e5±; 20.♘xc6 bxc6 21.♗xb6 ♘f4 22.♗f1 ♕xh4 23.♗f2±

**20...♘xd4 21.♕xf6 ♘xe2+ 22.♖xe2 gxf6?!**

22...♘xf6 23.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 24.♗xb6 ♘d6±

**23.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 24.♗xb6± ♖e2**

24...♘f4 25.♗f1 ♗d3 26.♖d1±

**25.♗d4 ♖c2 26.♗f1 ♘f4 27.♗xf6 ♗d3?!**

27...♗h5; 27...♗f5

**28.♗xd3 ♘xd3 29.♖d1+- ♘f4**

29...♘f2 30.♖d4

**30.♔f1 ♔h7 31.♗e5**

31.♗g5

**31...♘g2 32.♖d3 ♘xh4 33.♖xd5??**

33.a4; 33.♔e1

**33...♘xf3= 34.♗c3 ♔g6 35.h3 f5 36.♖d3 ♘g5 37.♖d6+ ♔h5 38.♖f6 ♘e4**

38...♘xh3 39.♖xf5+ ♔g4 40.♖f7 ♘f4=

**39.♖xf5+ ♔g6 40.♖b5 ♘xc3 41.bxc3 ♖xc3 1/2-1/2**

**148. * !N D37**
**Iniyan, Panneerseluam (2529) - Postny, Evgeny (2552)**
**La Nucia 151/148, 2021**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗e7 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.♗f4 O-O 6.e3 b6 7.♖c1 ♗b7 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xd5 ♕xd5 10.a3 ♗d6**

10...♕a5+ - 117/136

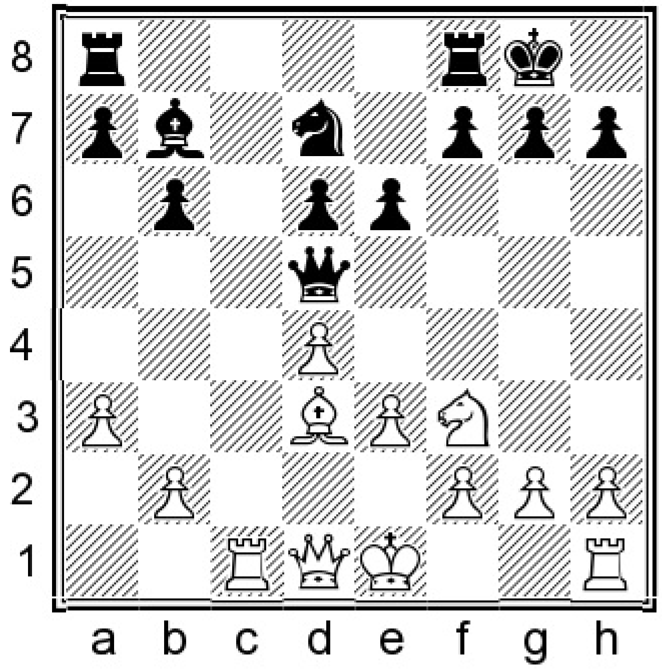
**11.♗xd6 cxd6** - 151/148

11...♕xd6N 12.♕c2 ♖c8 13.♗d3 g6 14.♗e4 ♗xe4 15.♕xe4 ♕d5 16.♕xd5 exd5 17.♔e2↑ Sebenik,M (2509)-Shengelia,D (2513) Terme Catez 151/(148) 2021

**12.♗d3**

12.♗c4 ♕a5+ 13.♕d2 ♕f5 14.♗e2 ♘c6 15.O-O ♖ac8 16.♗d3 ♕f6 17.♕e2 ♘b8 18.♘d2 g6 19.♗e4 ♗a6 20.♗d3 ♗b7=

**12...♘d7**



**13.e4!N**

13.O-O ♘f6∞

**13...♕a5+ 14.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 15.♘xd2 ♖fc8 16.♔e2 ♔f8 17.f4 ♔e7 18.♔e3 ♘f6 19.h3 h6 20.g4**

20.♖cf1 ♘h5 21.♖hg1 g5⇄

**20...♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♖c8 22.♖g1 ♘d7 23.h4 ♖h8 24.♘f3 ♖c8 25.g5 hxg5 26.hxg5**

26.fxg5!?

**26...♖h8 27.♔f2 ♔d8 28.♔g3 ♔e7 29.♖c1 ♖c8**

29...♔d8 30.♘d2 Δ Nc4

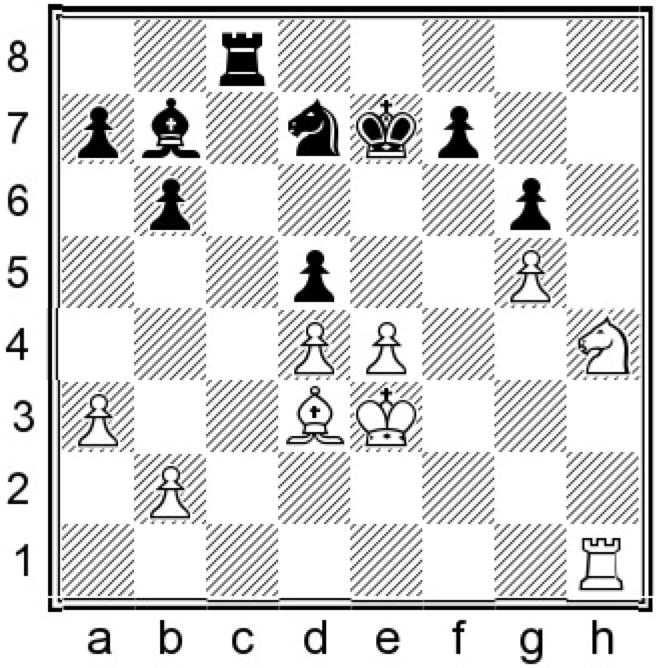
**30.♖h1 e5!? 31.♘h4**

31.fxe5 dxe5 32.d5

**31...exf4+**

31...g6 32.f5 exd4 (32...♖g8 33.f6+ ♔d8 34.♘f3+-) 33.fxg6 fxg6 34.♘xg6++-

**32.♔xf4 g6 33.♔e3 d5**



**34.♘xg6+!**

34.e5 ♘xe5 35.♘xg6+ (35.dxe5?? d4+-+) 35...♘xg6 36.♗xg6 fxg6 37.♖h7+ ♔e6 38.♖xb7 ♖c2 39.♖xa7 ♖xb2=

**34...fxg6 35.♖h7+ ♔d6**

35...♔e8 36.e5+-; 35...♔e6 36.e5 ♖b8! 37.♗f1 ♘xe5 38.♗h3+ ♔d6 39.dxe5+ ♔xe5 40.♖e7+ ♔d6 41.♖e6+ ♔c5 42.♖xg6 d4+ 43.♔d3 ♗a6+ 44.♔d2 ♖f8 45.♖f6 ♖xf6 46.gxf6 ♗c4=

**36.e5+ ♔c6 37.b4! b5**

37...♖g8 38.b5+ ♔c7 39.e6 ♗c8 40.e7+-

**38.♗xg6 ♘f8 39.♖h6 ♘xg6 40.♖xg6+ ♔d7 41.♖g7+ ♔c6 42.g6 ♖h8 43.♖f7 ♗c8**

43...♖h1 44.♔f4 ♖g1 (44...♗c8 45.♔g5+-) 45.♔f5+-

**44.g7 ♖g8 45.♔f4 ♗d7 46.♔g5 ♗e8 47.♔f6 1-0**

**149. D41**
**Keymer, Vincent (2664) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727)**
**Berlin 151/149, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4 6.♕xd4 exd5 7.e4 dxe4 8.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 9.♘g5 ♗e6 10.♘xe6+ fxe6 11.♗g5 ♘c6 12.♗c4**

12.O-O-O+ - 147/142

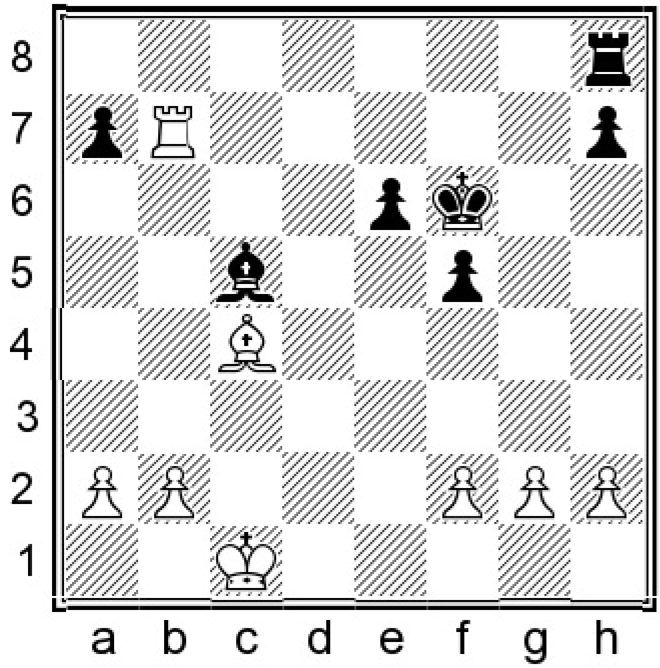
**12...♔e7 13.♘xe4 ♔f7 14.♗xf6**

14.♘xf6 ♗b4+ 15.♔e2 ♘d4+ 16.♔f1 (16.♔d3 gxf6 17.♗xf6 ♔xf6 18.♔xd4 ♖hg8 19.g3 ♖g4+ 20.f4 e5+ 21.♔e3 exf4+ 22.♔f3 h5 23.gxf4 ♗d2=) 16...gxf6 17.♗f4 ♖hd8=

**14...gxf6 15.O-O-O ♖d8 16.♖xd8 ♘xd8 17.♖d1 ♗e7 18.♖d7**

18.f4 f5 19.♘g5+ ♗xg5 20.fxg5 ♔e7=

**18...f5 19.♘d6+ ♔f6 20.♘xb7 ♘xb7 21.♖xb7 ♗c5**



**22.♖c7N**

22.f3 ♖d8 (22...h5=) 23.♖xh7 ♗e3+ 24.♔c2 ♖d2+ 25.♔c3 ♖xg2=

**22...♗xf2 23.♖c6 ♖e8 24.b4 ♗g1 25.h3 ♖b8!?**

25...h5 26.♔c2 h4=

**26.♖xe6+ ♔g5 27.b5**

27.♗d3 ♖xb4 28.♖e5 ♖f4 29.g4 ♔h4=

**27...♖c8 28.♖c6 ♖xc6 29.bxc6 ♗b6= 30.♔d2 ♔f6 31.♗d3 h6 32.♔e2 f4 33.♔f3 ♗c7 34.♔e4**

34.♔g4 ♗d6 35.♗e4 ♗c7=

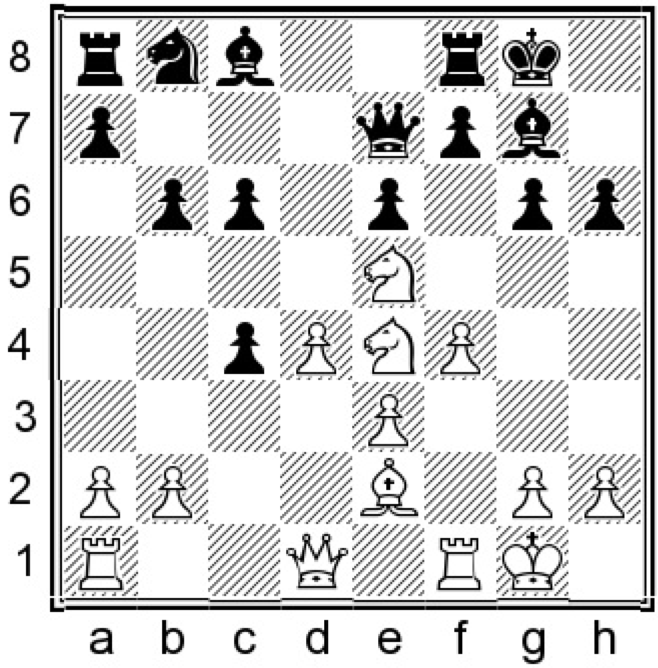
**34...a5 35.♗c4 ♗b8 36.♔d5 ♗c7 37.♗d3 ♗b8 38.♔c5 ♗c7 1/2-1/2**

**150. D43**
**Goryachkina, Aleksandra (2596) - Dreev, Alexey (2647)**
**Russia 151/150, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.e3 g6 8.♗e2 ♗g7 9.O-O O-O 10.♘e5**

10.e4 - 111/(206)

**10...dxc4 11.f4 ♕e7 12.♘e4 b6**



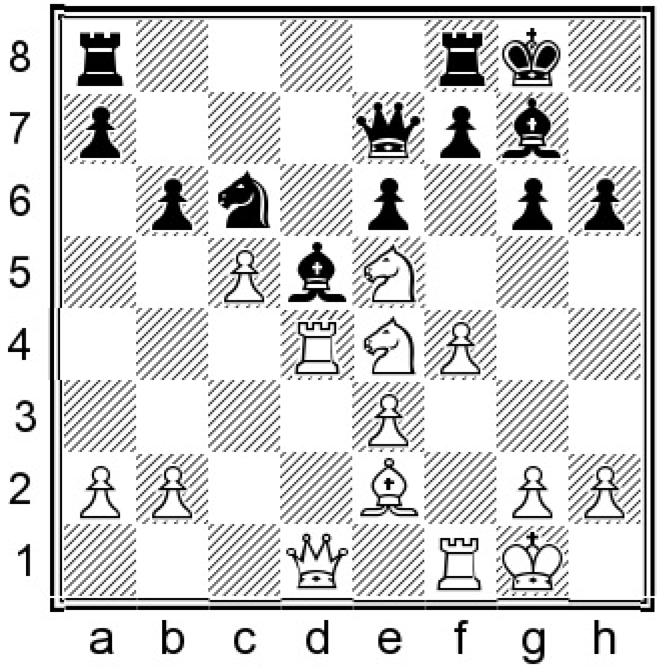
**13.♖c1!?N**

13.♘xc4

**13...♗b7 14.♖xc4 c5 15.dxc5 ♗d5 16.♖d4**

16.b4!? Δ♗xc4 17.♗xc4 bxc5 18.bxc5=∞

**16...♘c6**



**17.♘xg6! fxg6 18.♖xd5 exd5 19.♕xd5+ ♔h7 20.♕xc6 ♖ac8 21.♕a4 ♖xc5?!**

21...bxc5 22.♖f3!?⯹

**22.♗d3**

22.♘xc5? ♕xe3+ 23.♔h1 (23.♖f2 bxc5-+) 23...♕xe2 24.♕a6 b5!-+

**22...♖d5 23.♗b1⯹ ♖c8 24.♕a6 ♕d7 25.♕e2 ♔h8 26.h3 ♖d8 27.b3 ♖d1 28.♗c2 ♖xf1+ 29.♕xf1 ♕c6 30.♕e2 ♖c8 31.♗d3 ♖e8 32.♕c2 ♕e6**

32...♕xc2 33.♗xc2 ♖c8 34.♗d3 ♖c1+ 35.♔f2 b5 36.♗xb5 ♖c2+ 37.♔f3 ♖xa2=

**33.♔h2 ♕d5?!**

33...b5 34.h4 a6∞

**34.♘g3 ♖xe3**

34...♕c5 35.♕xc5 bxc5 36.♘f1±

**35.♗xg6↑ ♕e6 36.♕d2**

36.♗h5 ♖e1 37.♗f3 ♗d4 38.♘e2±

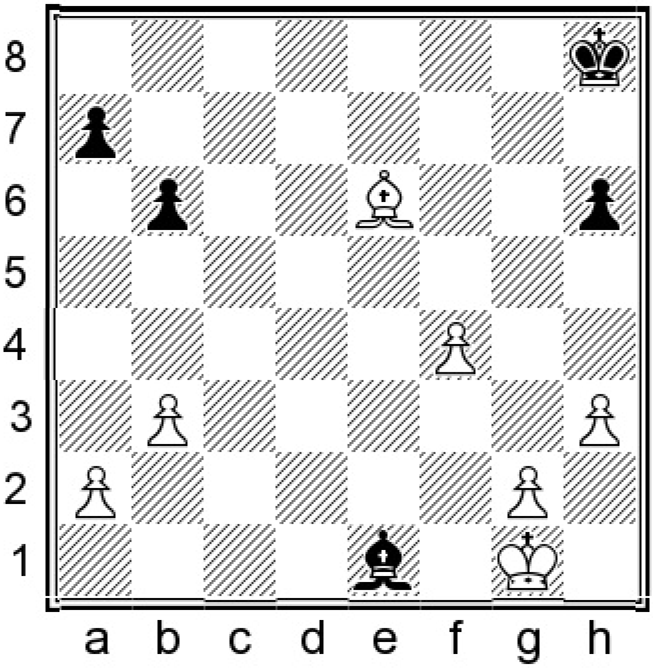
**36...♗f6?**

36...♗c3! 37.♕c2 ♗e1 38.♘h5 ♖c3 39.♕d1 ♗g3+!? 40.♘xg3 ♕xg6 41.♕d8+ ♕g8 42.♕h4∞ (42.♕f6+ ♕g7 43.♕h4∞)

**37.♗f7! ♗h4**

37...♕e7 38.♘f5+-

**38.♗xe6 ♗xg3+ 39.♔g1 ♖e1+ 40.♕xe1 ♗xe1**



**41.♔h2!+- ♔g7 42.g3 ♔f6 43.♗c8 a5 44.♔g2 ♔g6 45.♔f3 ♔f6 46.♗a6 ♔g7 47.♗d3 ♔f7 48.g4 ♔f6 49.♔e4 ♗g3 50.♗c4 ♗f2 51.♔d5 ♗e3 52.♔c6! ♗f2 53.♗d3 ♗e3 54.♗c2 ♗f2 55.h4! ♗xh4 56.♔xb6 ♗e1 57.♔b5 ♗d2 58.♗h7 ♔e6 59.♗g6 ♔f6 60.♗h5 ♗e3 61.a3 ♗d2 62.f5 ♔e7 63.b4 axb4 64.axb4 ♗e1 65.♔c5 ♗f2+ 66.♔c6 ♗e3 67.b5 ♗f2 68.b6 ♗xb6 1-0**

**151. D45**
**Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2612) - Caruana, Fabiano (2792)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/151, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c6 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♕c2 ♗d6 7.b3 O-O 8.♗e2 b6 9.O-O ♗b7 10.♗b2 ♕e7 11.a4**

11.♖fe1 - 150/156

**11...a5 12.♗d3 ♗b4N**

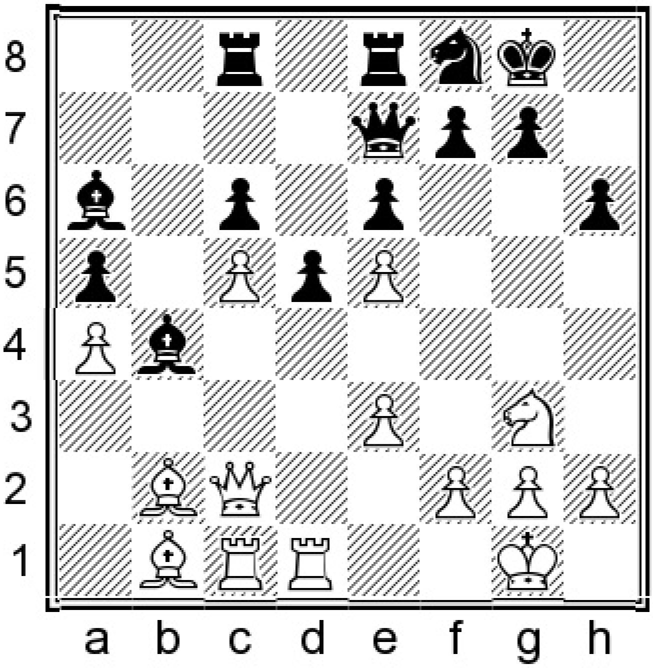
12...e5; 12...♖ac8; 12...♖fd8

**13.♖ac1 h6 14.♕e2 ♖ad8 15.♖fd1 ♖fe8 16.♗b1 ♗d6 17.♖e1 ♗b4 18.♖ed1 ♖c8 19.♘e5 ♘xe5 20.dxe5 ♘d7 21.♕c2 ♘f8 22.♘e2**

22.f4!?; 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.♕e2= Paunovic,Tomislav

**22...b5 23.♘d4**

23.♘g3 bxc4 24.bxc4 ♗a6 25.♖d4 ♖ed8! (25...♗xc4 26.♖g4→) 26.♖g4 dxc4! 27.♘h5 ♘g6! 28.♖xg6 fxg6 29.♕xg6 ♕f7 30.♕h7+ ♔f8 31.♘f4 ♖d2-+; 23.c5 bxa4 24.bxa4 ♗a6 25.♘g3



(25.♘d4? ♗c4 Δ Bc5) 25...♖b8!∓ (25...♗c4? 26.♖d4→) 26.♖d4 (26.h3 ♗xc5 27.♕xc5 ♕xc5 28.♖xc5 ♖xb2∓) 26...♗xc5 27.♖g4 ♖b4 28.♗d4 (28.♖xb4 ♗xb4 29.♕xc6 ♗c4 30.♗d4 (30.♘e4 ♗a3-+) 30...♖b8 31.♘e4 ♕d8! 32.♘d6 ♗d2 33.♖d1 ♗e2-+) 28...♗xd4 29.exd4 ♖eb8∓

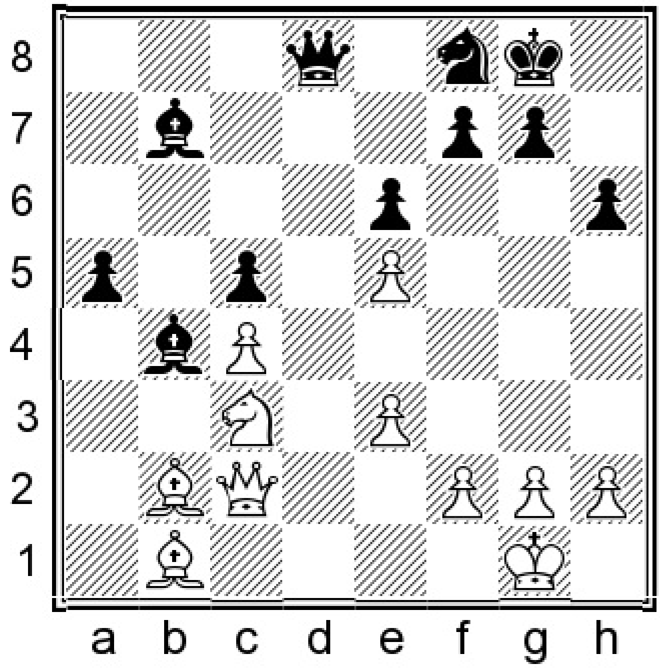
**23...dxc4 24.bxc4 bxa4 25.♕xa4**

25.c5 a3∓

**25...c5∓ 26.♘e2**

26.♘b5 ♕g5 27.e4 ♗c6 28.♕b3 ♗xb5 29.cxb5 ♖ed8∓

**26...♖ed8 27.♕c2 ♖xd1+ 28.♖xd1 ♖d8 29.♖xd8 ♕xd8 30.♘c3**



**30...♗xc3! 31.♗xc3 ♗e4!-+ 32.♕c1 ♗xb1 33.♕xb1 a4 34.h3 a3 35.♔h2 ♕a8 36.♕b3 a2 37.♗a1 ♕a5 38.♔g3 g5**

38...♘g6

**39.h4 gxh4+ 40.♔xh4 ♘g6+ 41.♔g3 h5 42.♕b2 ♕d8 43.f4 ♕h4+ 44.♔f3 ♕e1 45.♕xa2 ♘h4+ 46.♔e4 ♕f1** [Δ Nf5] **0-1**

# D50-D99

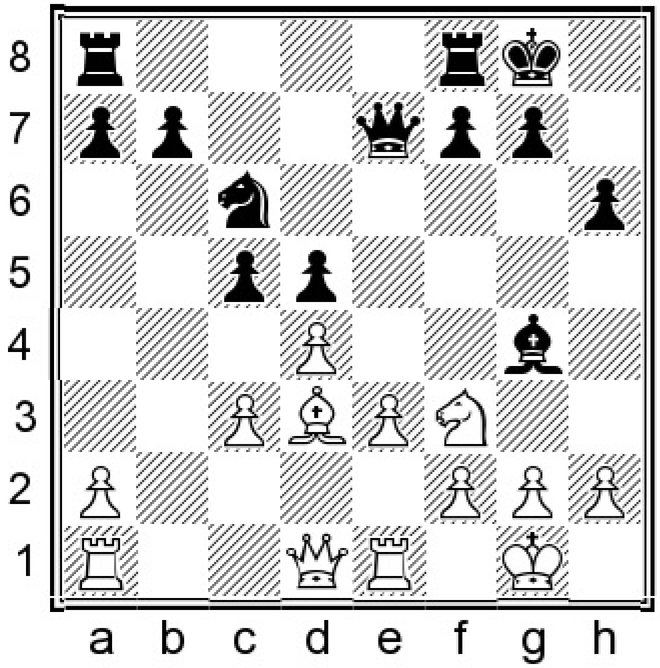
**152. D57**
**Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2644) - Tarlev, Konstantin (2568)**
**Romania 151/152, 2021**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 ♗e7 5.♘f3 O-O 6.e3 h6 7.♗h4 ♘e4 8.♗xe7 ♕xe7 9.cxd5 ♘xc3 10.bxc3 exd5 11.♗d3 c5 12.O-O ♘c6 13.♖e1**

13.h3 ♗e6 14.♖e1 ♖fd8 15.♖b1 ♖ac8 16.e4 (16.dxc5 ♕xc5 17.♖xb7 ♕xc3 18.♖b3 ♕a5 19.♖b2 d4 20.exd4 ♖d6 Δ Rcd8=) 16...cxd4 17.exd5 ♖xd5 18.♗c4 ♖d6= - 20/563; 13.♘d2 ♗e6 14.♖b1 b6 15.♕a4 ♖fc8 16.♗b5 ♘a5 17.♖bc1 c4 18.♗a6 ♖c7 19.e4 dxe4 20.♘xe4 ♗d7 21.♕c2 ♖e8⇄; 13.a4!? ♗g4 (13...♗e6 14.♖e1 - 13. Re1) 14.h3 ♗h5 15.♖e1 ♖ad8 16.♖b1 (16.a5!?) 16...b6 17.e4 ♕f6 18.e5 ♗xf3 19.exf6 ♗xd1 20.♖bxd1 ♖d6=

**13...♗e6**

13...♖d8 14.e4 dxe4 15.♗xe4 ♕f6 16.d5 ♘e7 (16...♕xc3 17.dxc6!? ♖xd1 18.♖axd1 ♗e6 19.cxb7 ♖b8 20.♘e5=∞) 17.♕b3!? (17.c4 ♗g4 18.♕b3 ♗xf3 19.♗xf3 ♖ab8!? (19...♘f5 20.♕xb7 ♘d4!? 21.♗e4 ♖ab8 22.♕c7 ♘e2+ 23.♔h1 ♕d4 24.f3 ♕xc4 25.♖ab1 ♖bc8 26.♕a5 ♕c3 27.♕xa7 ♘f4 28.♖ed1 ♕e5 29.♕a6 f5 30.♗d3 ♖a8⇄) 20.♕a3 ♘f5 21.♕xc5 ♖bc8 22.♕b4 (22.♕xa7 ♖xc4 23.♖ad1 b5=∞) 22...♘d4 23.♗e4 b5! 24.c5 ♘e2+ 25.♔f1 a5 26.♕xa5 ♘c3 27.♗f3 ♖xc5=∞) 17...♗f5 18.♗xf5 ♘xf5 19.♕xb7 ♕xc3 20.♘e5 ♖f8 (20...♘d6 21.♕e7±) 21.♖ac1 ♕b4 22.♕xb4 cxb4 23.♘c6 a5 24.♖c5±; 13...♕d6 14.♖b1 b6 15.e4 dxe4 16.♗xe4 Δ♗g4 17.h3 ♗xf3 18.♕xf3 ♖ac8 19.♗xc6 ♖xc6 20.d5 ♖c7 21.c4±; 13...♗g4



14.h3 (14.e4 dxe4 15.♖xe4 ♗xf3 (15...♕d7? 16.d5!±) 16.♕xf3 ♕d6 17.♖d1 cxd4 18.cxd4 ♖ac8⇄) 14...♗h5 15.e4 dxe4 16.♗xe4 ♕d6 17.♖b1 cxd4 18.♖xb7 ♖ad8 (18...♖ae8!? 19.♖b5!? ♘e5 20.♖xe5 ♖xe5 21.g4 ♖xe4 22.♖xe4 ♗g6 23.♖xd4 ♕c7 24.c4 ♖e8 25.♘h4 ♗e4=∞) 19.g4 (19.♖b5!? ♗xf3 20.♕xf3 ♖fe8 (20...dxc3?? 21.♗xc6 c2 22.♕c3!+-) 21.♖d1 ♘e5! 22.♕f5 (22.♕g3 d3 23.♖d5 ♕e6 24.c4 ♘xc4 25.♖1xd3 ♕b6=) 22...g6 23.♕f4 ♘c4! 24.♕f3 ♕e7 25.♖b7 ♘e5 26.♕e2 ♕e6 27.♖xd4 ♖xd4 28.cxd4 ♘c4 29.f3 ♘d6=) 19...♗g6 20.♘xd4 ♘xd4 21.cxd4 f5!? (21...♕xd4?? 22.♕xd4 ♖xd4 23.♗xg6 fxg6 24.♖ee7+-; 21...♗xe4 22.♖xe4 ♕d5 23.♕b1±) 22.gxf5 ♗xf5 23.♗g2 ♖f6 24.♖xa7 ♖g6 25.♔h1 ♕f4 26.♕b3+ ♔h7 27.♕e3 ♖xd4⇄

**14.a4**

14.♖b1 c4 15.♗c2 ♕a3 16.♕d2 ♖ab8 17.e4 ♘e7 18.♘e5 b5 19.♖e3 (19.f4 f6 20.exd5 ♘xd5 21.♘c6 ♗f7!? 22.♘xb8 ♖xb8⇄) 19...a5 20.♖g3 ♔h8 21.h3 dxe4 22.♗xe4 f5 23.d5 ♕c5! 24.♖g6 ♘xg6 25.♘xg6+ ♔h7 26.♘xf8+ ♖xf8 27.dxe6 fxe4 28.e7 ♖e8 29.♕d7 ♖xe7 30.♕xb5 ♕xb5 31.♖xb5 e3=; 14.e4 dxe4 15.♗xe4 cxd4 16.cxd4 (16.♗xc6 bxc6 17.♘xd4 ♕c5 18.♘xe6 fxe6 19.♖e3 ♖xf2! 20.♔xf2 ♖f8+ 21.♔e2 ♕b5+! 22.♖d3 ♕b2+ 23.♖d2 ♕b5+=) 16...♖ad8 17.♖b1 (17.♕a4 b5 18.♕xb5 ♘xd4 19.♕a5 ♘xf3+ 20.♗xf3 ♖d4=) 17...♘xd4 18.♖xb7 ♕f6 19.♕a4 ♘xf3+ 20.♗xf3 ♖d3 21.♖b4 ♖fd8 22.♖be4 ♗d7 23.♖e8+ ♖xe8 24.♖xe8+ ♔h7 25.♕e4+ ♗f5 26.♕e5=

**14...cxd4N**

14...♖fd8 15.a5 ♖ab8 16.♗b5 a6 17.♗xc6! (17.♗d3 ♗g4) 17...bxc6 18.♘e5 ♕c7 19.♘d3±; 14...b6!? 15.e4 ♕d6 16.dxc5 ♕xc5 (16...bxc5 17.exd5 ♕xd5 18.♕e2 ♗g4 19.♕e4±) 17.e5 ♖ac8 18.♖e3 ♔h8 19.♖c1 ♖fd8 20.h3 (20.♗b1 d4 21.cxd4 ♕b4 22.♖d3 ♘e7 23.♖xc8 ♖xc8 24.h3 ♘d5=∞) 20...♕e7 21.♗a6 ♖c7 22.♘d4 ♘xd4 23.cxd4 ♖xc1 24.♕xc1 ♕b4 25.♕d1 ♗d7 26.♕f3 ♗e6 27.♕d1 ♗d7=

**15.exd4 ♕f6 16.♘e5↑ ♖ac8 17.♕d2 ♗f5**

17...♘xe5 18.♖xe5 ♕e7 19.♖e3 ♕c7 20.♖g3 ♔h8 21.♗c2↑; 17...♖c7 18.♖ab1 ♘e7 19.♖e3 ♘c8 (19...♖fc8 20.♖be1 ♕g5 21.g3 Δ h4↑) 20.♖be1 (20.♖f3 ♕g5 21.♕e2 ♘d6 22.h4 ♕d8∞) 20...♘d6 21.♘g6!? ♖fc8 22.♖f3 ♕g5 23.♘f4↑ ♘e4 24.♗xe4 dxe4 25.♖xe4 ♗d5 26.♖e5 ♗xf3 27.♖xg5 hxg5 28.♘h3! g4 29.♘f4 ♗e4 30.♕e2 ♖e8 31.♕xg4 ♗f5 32.♕d1 ♖xc3 33.h4±

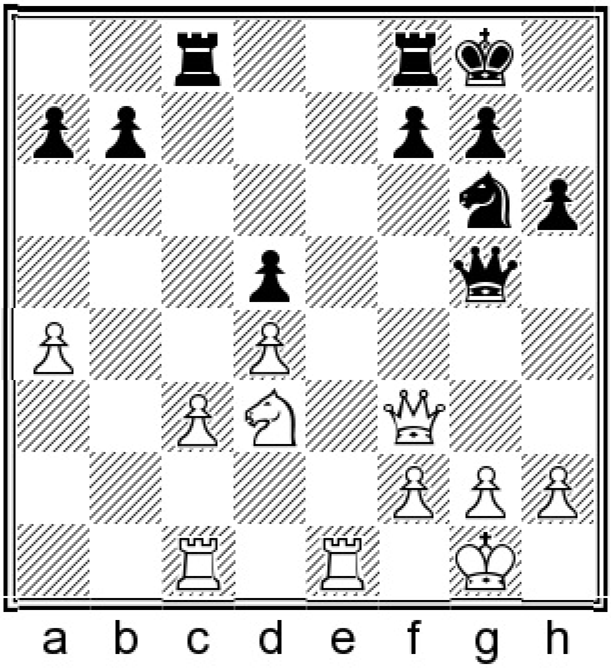
**18.♕f4 ♘e7**

18...♗e6 19.♕xf6 gxf6 20.♘xc6 ♖xc6 21.♖a3±

**19.♖ac1 ♕g5 20.♕f3 ♗xd3**

20...♗e6!? 21.♗b1 ♖c7 22.♘d3 ♖fc8 23.♘c5 ♗g4 (23...♘f5 24.♖cd1! ♘h4 25.♕g3 ♕f6 26.♘xe6 fxe6 27.♖d3±) 24.♕g3 ♘f5 25.♕e5 ♖e7! 26.♕xd5 ♖ce8 27.♘e4 ♕f4 28.c4 ♖e6⇄

**21.♘xd3 ♘g6**



21...♖c7 22.g3 ♖fc8 23.♘f4±

**22.a5! ♕d8**

⌓22...♖c4 23.g3 ♖fc8 24.♖e3 ♘h4 (24...♖xc3?! 25.♖xc3 ♖xc3 26.♖e8+ ♘f8 27.♔g2 g6 28.h4±) 25.♕e2 ♘f5 26.♖e8+ (26.h4 ♕d8 27.♖e5 ♘xd4⇄) 26...♖xe8 27.♕xe8+ ♔h7 28.♕xf7 ♘xd4⇄

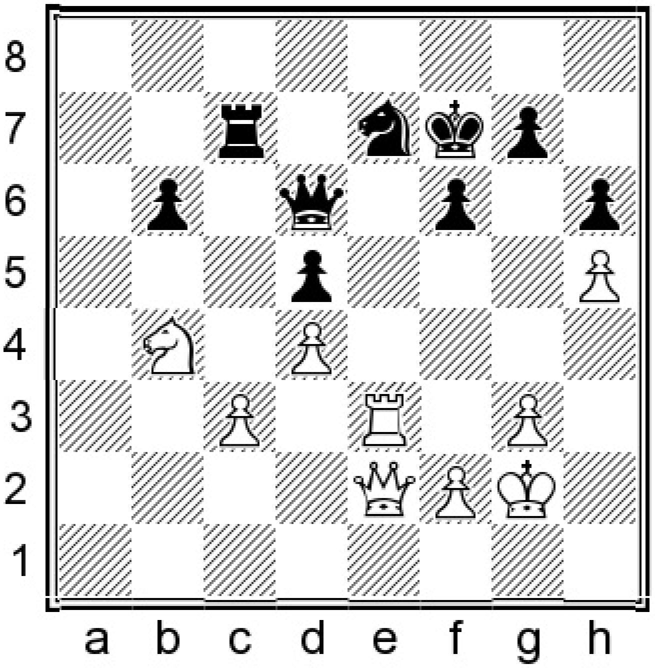
**23.♘c5± b6**

23...♕xa5 24.♘xb7±

**24.axb6 axb6 25.♘d3 ♕d6 26.♘b4 ♖fd8 27.g3 ♖c7 28.h4 ♖e7 29.h5 ♖xe1+ 30.♖xe1 ♘e7 31.♖e5± f6 32.♖e1**

32.♖e3 Δ Qe2±

**32...♖c8 33.♔g2 ♔f8 34.♖e3 ♖c7 35.♕e2 ♔f7**



35...♘f5 36.♖e8+ ♔f7 37.♖a8 ♘e7 38.♕b5 ♕d7 39.♕xd7 ♖xd7 40.♘d3 ♖c7 41.♘f4!±

**36.♕g4!?**

36.♕a2 ♕d7 37.♘d3 ♘f5 38.♖f3 ♖a7 39.♕b1 ♔g8 40.♕xb6 ♘h4+ 41.gxh4 ♕g4+ 42.♖g3 ♕e4+ 43.♖f3 ♕g4+ 44.♔h2 ♕xf3 45.♕xa7 ♕xd3 46.♕a8+ ♔h7 47.♕xd5 ♕xc3 48.♕e4+ ♔g8 49.♔g2±

**36...♕d7**

36...♔f8 37.♕d1 ♕d7 38.♕b3 ♖c8 39.♕a3 ♔f7 40.♕a6! (40.♘d3 g5!? 41.hxg6+ ♘xg6 42.♕a6 ♖c6±) 40...♖b8 41.♘d3 ♘f5 (41...g5 42.hxg6+ ♘xg6 43.♘b4 h5 44.♕e2 ♕f5 45.♕b5±) 42.♖f3 ♔g8 43.♘f4 ♖e8 44.♘g6 (44.♕xb6? ♘h4+! 45.gxh4 ♕g4+ 46.♖g3 ♕xf4 47.♕b7 ♕e4+=) 44...b5 45.♕a2±

**37.♕f3 ♕d6 38.♘d3 ♔g8**

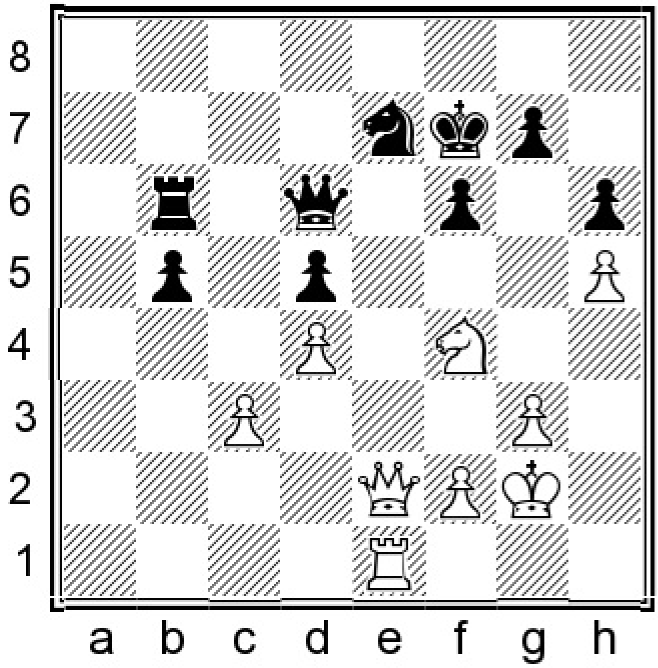
38...♖b7 39.♘f4 ♕d7 40.♖e6 ♖b8 41.♕e2±

**39.♘f4 ♔f7**

39...♖b7 40.c4 ♖d7 41.♖e6+-

**40.♕g4 ♖b7**

40...♖c6 41.♖e1! b5 (41...♖xc3 42.♘e6 g5 43.hxg6+ ♘xg6 44.♕h5+-; 41...f5 42.♕f3 ♕d8 43.♖e5+-) 42.♕e2 ♖b6



43.♕xe7+!+-

**41.♘e6+- g5 42.hxg6+ ♘xg6**

42...♘xg6 43.f4

**1-0**

**153. D72**
**Keymer, Vincent (2607) - Grandelius, Nils (2666)**
**Malmoe 151/153, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e4 ♘b6 7.♘e2 c5 8.d5 O-O 9.O-O e6 10.a4 exd5 11.exd5 ♘a6 12.♘ec3 ♘c4 13.♘a3**

13.♘d2 - 80/(468)

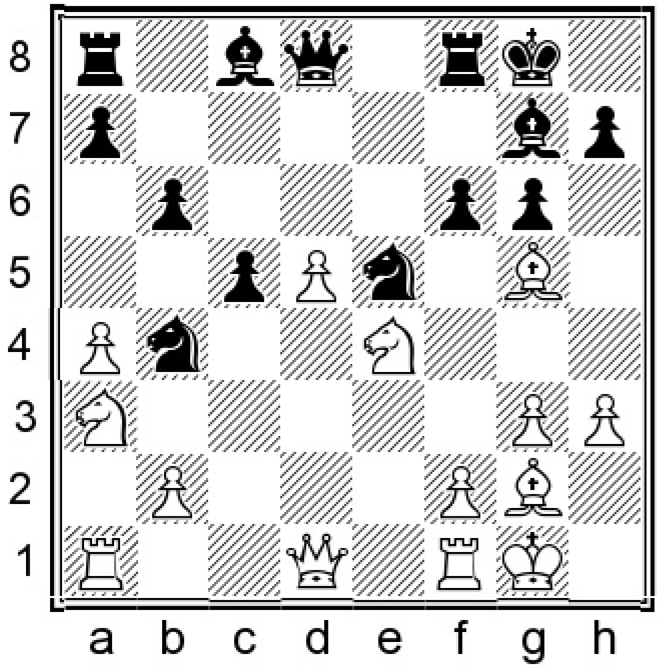
**13...♘e5 14.h3 ♘b4 15.♘e4 b6**

15...♘ed3 16.♗g5 f6 17.♗e3±

**16.♗g5!**

16.♕b3

**16...f6**



**17.♗f4!?N**

17.♗d2 ♔h8 18.d6 ♖b8 19.♗c3 f5 20.f4 ♘f7 21.♘g5 ♘xg5 22.fxg5 ♕xg5 23.♕b3 ♕e3+ 24.♔h2 ♗xc3 25.♖fe1 ♕xe1 26.♖xe1 ♗xe1 27.♕e3 ♗b7 28.♕e5+ ♔g8 29.♕e6+ ♔g7 30.♕e5+ ♔f7 31.♕e7+ ♔g8 32.♕e6+ ♔g7 33.♕e5+=

**17...♘ed3 18.♕b3 ♘xf4 19.gxf4 ♔h8**

⌓19...♗h6 20.d6+ ♔h8 21.♕g3 (21.♘xc5 bxc5 22.♗xa8 ♗a6 23.♗g2 ♗xf1 24.♖xf1 ♕xd6∞) 21...♗b7 22.♖fe1±

**20.♖ad1 ♗b7 21.♘c4 ♕d7 22.♘ed6± ♗a6 23.♖fe1 ♗xc4**

23...♗h6 24.♘b5 ♗xf4 25.♕f3 ♗h6 26.d6±

**24.♘xc4 ♖ae8 25.d6 ♕f7 26.f5**

26.a5 b5 27.♖xe8 ♕xe8 28.♘d2 ♕d7 29.♘e4 ♘a6 30.♕d5+-

**26...♗h6 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.♖xe8**

28.♕g3 ♖xe1+ 29.♖xe1 ♕xc4 30.♕xg6 ♗g7 31.d7+-

**28...♖xe8 29.♕g3 ♖d8**

29...♕xc4? 30.♕xg6+-

**30.b3**

30.♖e1 ♖e8 (30...♕xc4? 31.♕xg6 ♕f4 32.d7 ♖g8 33.♕xg8+ ♔xg8 34.d8=♕++-) 31.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 32.h4 ♘c2 33.♗e4! ♕xe4 34.d7+-

**30...♔h7 31.♖e1 ♖d7 32.♗e4**

32.♖e2 ♗f8 33.h4 a6 34.h5 gxh5 35.♗h3 ♖d8 36.d7+-

**32...♗g7 33.♖e2**

33.♕h4+ ♔g8 34.♗f3 a6 35.♕g3 ♗f8 36.♗g4 f5 37.♗h5 ♕f6 38.♘e5 ♖g7 (38...♗xd6 39.♘xd7!+-) 39.♘xg6+-

**33...f5 34.♗g2 ♕f6 35.♕e3?**

35.♖e8 a6 36.♖b8 b5 37.axb5 axb5 38.♖xb5 ♕a1+ 39.♗f1 ♕d4 40.♖b8+-

**35...♕a1+?**

35...♗f8 36.♕e8 ♕d8 37.♕e6 ♗xd6 38.♘xd6 (38.♖d2 ♗h2+ 39.♔xh2 ♖xd2 40.♘xd2 ♕xd2 41.♕f7+ ♔h6 42.♕f8+ ♔h7 43.♕e7+=) 38...♖xd6 39.♕f7+ ♔h6 40.♖e7 ♕h8 41.♖xa7 ♘d3 42.♗f1 ♘e5 43.♕e7 ♕f6=

**36.♔h2?**

36.♗f1 ♘d5 37.♕e8 ♘f6 38.♕e6 ♕d4 39.♖d2 ♕f4 40.♗g2+-

**36...♗h6 37.♕g3 ♕f6 38.h4 ♗f8 39.♖d2 a6 40.♔h3 ♖d8?**

40...♕e6 41.h5 b5 42.axb5 axb5 43.hxg6+ (43.♕xg6+ ♕xg6 44.hxg6+ ♔g7 45.♘e3 ♔xg6 46.♗f1 ♖xd6 47.♖xd6+ ♗xd6 48.♗xb5 ♗f4=) 43...♔g7 44.♘e3 f4+ 45.♕g4 ♕xg4+ 46.♘xg4 ♖xd6 47.♖xd6 ♗xd6 48.♗f1 ♔xg6 49.♗xb5 ♔f5=

**41.d7 b5 42.axb5 axb5 43.♘e5 ♗e7**

43...♗d6 44.♕xg6+ ♕xg6 45.♘xg6 ♗c7 46.h5±

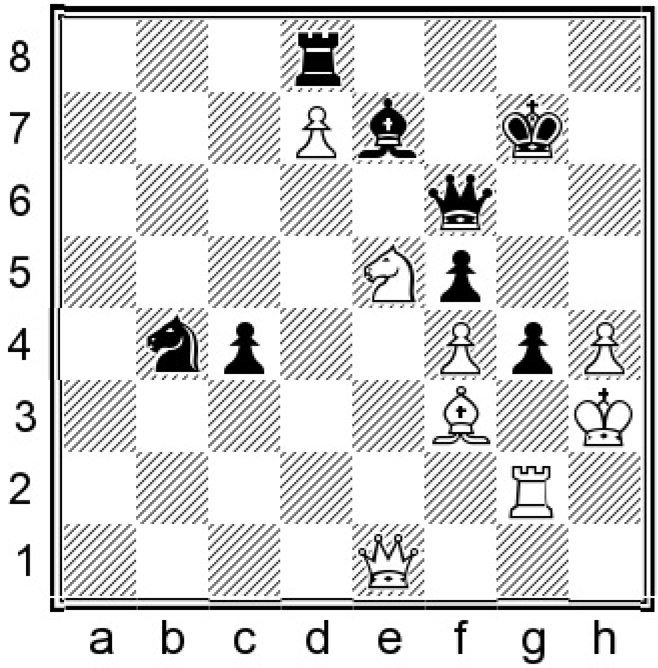
**44.f4 ♔g7 45.♗f3 c4 46.bxc4 bxc4 47.♖g2**

47.♘xc4 ♘c6 48.h5 ♖h8 49.♔g2+-

**47...g5 48.♕e1**

48.fxg5 ♕d6 49.♕e1 ♘d3 50.♘xd3 cxd3 51.♕c3+ ♔g8 52.♕c4+ ♔h8 53.♗c6+-

**48...g4+**



**49.♗xg4! fxg4+ 50.♖xg4+ ♔f8 51.♕e4+- ♘d3 52.♘xd3 ♕c3**

52...cxd3 53.♕h7

**53.♖g3 ♗xh4 54.♔xh4 ♕f6+ 55.♔g4 cxd3 56.♖xd3 ♕g7+ 57.♔f3 ♕f6 58.♕d5 1-0**

**154. D78**
**Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727) - Dubov, Daniil (2720)**
**Berlin 151/154, 2022**

**1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.d4 d5 5.c4 c6 6.O-O O-O 7.♕b3 a5 8.cxd5 a4 9.♕d1 cxd5 10.♘c3 ♕a5**

10...♘e4 - 145/142

**11.♗d2 ♘c6 12.e3 ♕a6 13.b3N**

13.♖e1; 13.♘e5

**13...axb3**

13...a3 14.♘e5 ♖d8 15.♘xc6 bxc6 16.♘a4±

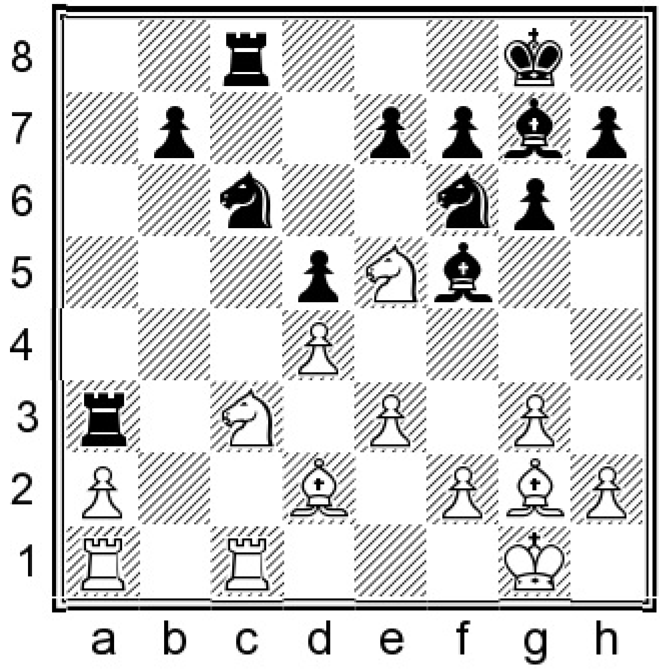
**14.♕xb3 ♘a5**

14...♗g4 15.♖fc1 e6 16.h3 ♗xf3 17.♗xf3 ♖fc8 18.♗e1 ♘a5 19.♕b1 ♘e8 20.♗e2 ♕d6∞

**15.♕b4 ♘c6 16.♕b2 ♗f5 17.♖fc1 ♖fc8 18.♘e5 ♕a3**

18...e6 19.♗f1 ♕a5 20.♘e4 ♕d8 21.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 22.♘xc6 bxc6 23.♗b4 ♕b6∞

**19.♕xa3 ♖xa3**

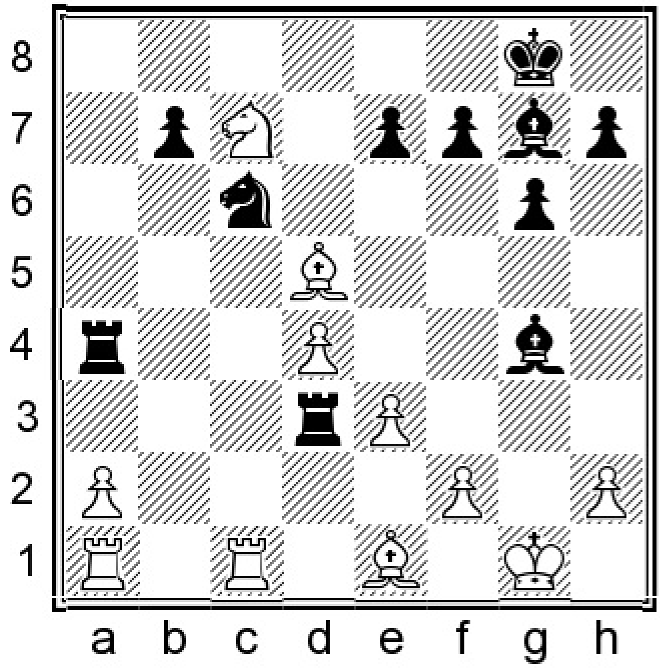


**20.g4!? ♘xg4**

20...♗e6?! 21.g5 ♘e4 22.♘xc6 ♖xc6 23.♘xe4 dxe4 24.♖xc6 (24.♗xe4 ♖xc1+ 25.♖xc1 ♖xa2 26.♗b4 ♗f8 27.h4±) 24...bxc6 25.♗b4 ♖xa2 26.♖xa2 ♗xa2 27.♗xe7 ♗d5 28.h4±

**21.♘xg4 ♗xg4 22.♘xd5 ♖ca8 23.♘b4**

23.♘c7 ♖8a4 24.♗d5 (24.♖ab1 ♖xa2 25.♗c3 ♖a7 26.♗d5 ♖2a4 27.♗b3 ♗f5! 28.♗xa4 ♗xb1 29.♖xb1 ♖xa4 30.♖xb7 ♖a7 31.♖xa7 ♘xa7=) 24...♖d3 25.♗e1



25...♘xd4! 26.exd4 ♖axd4 27.♗g2 ♖d7 28.♖ab1 ♗h6! 29.♖c4 ♗f5 30.f4□ ♖a3 31.♖b2 ♗g7 32.♖d2 ♖xd2 33.♗xd2 ♗d3 34.♖c1 ♗d4+ 35.♔h1 ♖xa2 36.♗b4 e6=∞

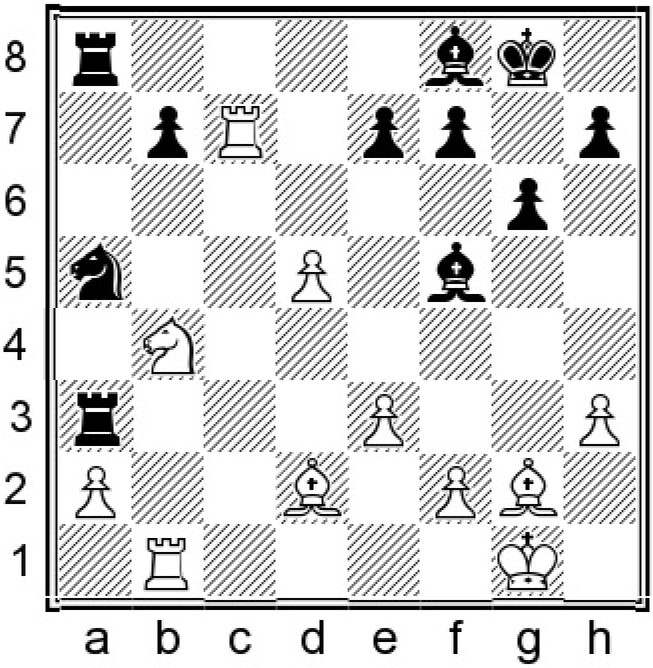
**23...♘a5**

23...♗f6! 24.♘xc6 ♖xa2 (24...bxc6 25.♗xc6 ♖8a7 26.♗d5 ♗e6!=) 25.♘xe7+ ♗xe7 26.♖xa2 ♖xa2 27.♗e1 b5 28.♗d5 ♖a7=

**24.♖ab1 ♗f8 25.♖c7 ♗e6?**

25...e6 26.h3 ♗e2 27.♗e1 ♗c4∞

**26.d5 ♗g4 27.h3 ♗f5**



**28.e4! ♗xh3 29.♗c1**

29.♗xh3!? ♖xh3 30.♘c2 ♖d3 31.♗c3 ♗g7 (31...e6 32.♘e3±) 32.♗e1! ♗h6 33.♔f1 f5 34.♖b5 b6 35.e5 ♗f4 36.♔e2 ♖h3 37.♗xa5 ♖xa5 38.♖xa5 bxa5 39.♖xe7±

**29...♗xg2 30.♗xa3 ♗xe4 31.♖e1 ♗f5**

31...f5 32.♗b2 b6 33.♖e3 ♖d8 34.♗c3±

**32.♘c2! ♗xc2 33.♖xc2 ♘c4 34.♖xc4 ♖xa3 35.d6+- e6**

35...exd6 36.♖c8+-

**36.♖d1 ♖xa2 37.d7 ♗e7 38.d8=♕+ ♗xd8 39.♖xd8+ ♔g7 40.♖d7 ♖a5 41.♖f4 ♖f5 42.♖xf5 exf5 43.f4 1-0**

**155. * !N D79**
**Fridman, Daniel (2621) - Saric, Ivan (2653)**
**Reykjavik 151/155, 2021**

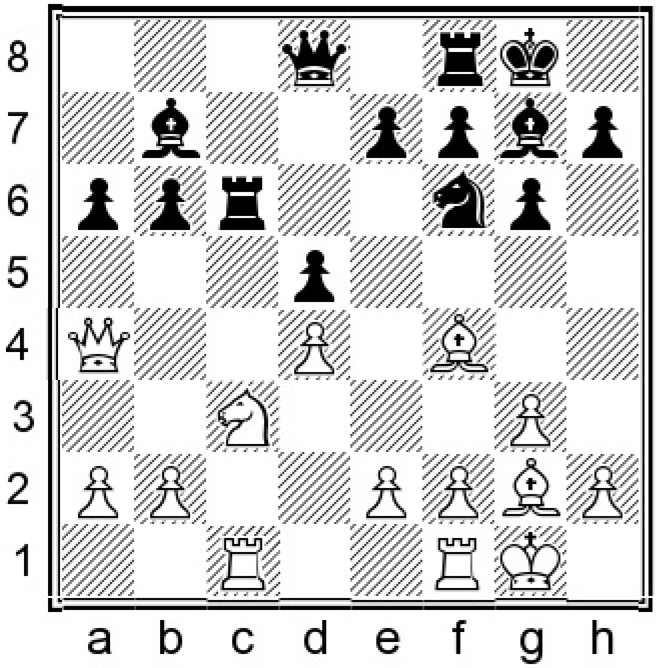
**1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.d4 g6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.c4 c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.♘c3 O-O 8.♘e5 b6**

8...e6 - 133/152

**9.O-O ♗b7 10.♗f4**

10.♕a4 ♘e4 11.♖d1 f6?N (11...e6) 12.♗xe4! dxe4 (12...fxe5 13.dxe5 e6 14.f4+-) 13.♕b3+ ♔h8 14.♘f7+ ♖xf7 15.♕xf7+- Nagy,G (2523)-Shahil,D (2426) Budapest 151/(155) 2021

**10...♘c6 11.♖c1 ♖c8 12.♕a4 a6 13.♘xc6 ♖xc6**



**14.♘b1!N**

14.♕b3; 14.♗e5

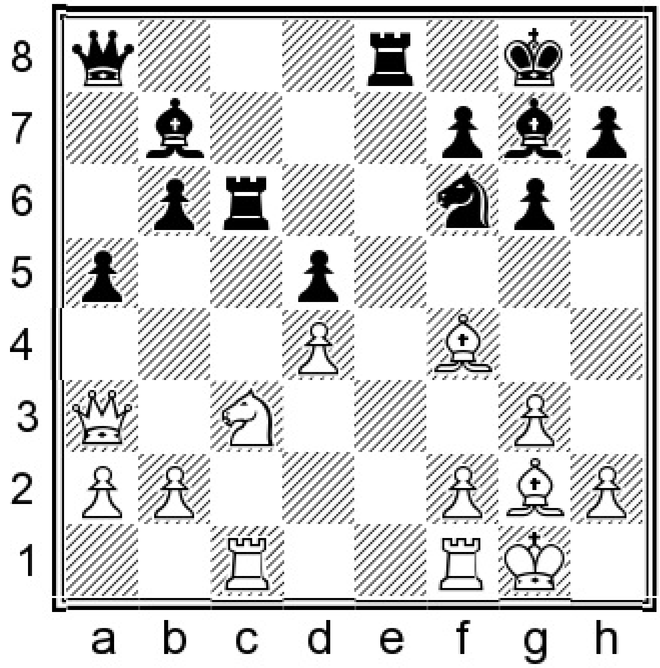
**14...♕a8**

14...b5 15.♕b4 e6 16.♘d2 ♕b6 17.♖xc6 ♗xc6 18.♖c1 ♖c8 19.♘b3±

**15.♕b4 a5**

15...b5 16.♖xc6 ♗xc6 17.♘d2 ♘e4 18.♘b3 ♖e8 19.♖c1 ♗f8 20.♕a5±

**16.♕xe7 ♖e8 17.♕a3 ♖xe2 18.♘c3 ♖e8**



**19.♘b5! ♗a6**

19...♗f8 20.♕a4 ♕d8 21.♘c7 ♖xc1 22.♖xc1 ♖e7 23.♕b3±; 19...♖e2 20.♖xc6 ♗xc6 21.♘c7 ♕d8 22.♗f3 ♖e7 23.♖c1!±

**20.♘c7 ♖xc7 21.♖xc7 ♗xf1 22.♗xf1± ♕d8 23.♗b5 ♖e1+**

23...♖f8 24.♖c6+-

**24.♔g2 ♘h5 25.♕c3! ♘xf4+ 26.gxf4 ♗f8 27.♖c8 ♕e7 28.♖e8 ♕xe8 29.♗xe8 ♖xe8 30.♕c6 ♖e6 31.♕xd5 ♖f6 32.f5**

32.♕e5 ♔g7 33.f5 ♗d6 34.♕d5+-

**32...gxf5**

32...♖xf5 33.♕d8 ♔g7 (33...b5 34.d5+-) 34.♕xb6+-

**33.♔f3 ♔g7 34.♔e2 ♗d6 35.h3 f4 36.♕f3 h6 37.♔d3 ♗f8 38.♔c4 ♔g8 39.♔b5 ♗g7 40.♕a8+ ♗f8 41.♕g2+ ♗g7 42.♕d5 ♗f8 43.♕e5 ♔g7 44.f3 ♗d6 45.♕e4 ♖e6 46.♕b7 ♗b4 47.♕c7 ♖f6 48.a3 ♗f8 49.♕c1**

49.d5 ♖d6 50.♕c3+ ♔g8 51.♕e5 ♔h7 52.♔a6+-

**49...♔g8 50.♕c2 ♗g7 51.♕e4 ♖d6 52.♕e8+ ♔h7 53.♕xf7 ♖xd4 54.♔xb6 a4 55.♔c5**

55.b4 axb3 56.♕xb3+-

**55...♖d2 56.♕xf4 ♖c2+ 57.♔d5 ♖xb2 58.♕xa4 1-0**

**156. *** D85**
**Henriquez Villagra, Cristobal (2608) - Volokitin, Andrei (2652)**
**Riga 151/156, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗d2 c5 6.♖c1**

6.e4 ♘xc3 7.♗xc3 cxd4 8.♗xd4 (8.♕xd4 - 58/(504)) 8...e5 9.♗c3N (9.♗xe5) 9...♘c6 - 151/(156) (9...♕xd1+N 10.♖xd1 ♘c6 11.♗b5 f6 12.f4 ♗d7 13.♘f3 ♗e7 14.g3 a6 (14...O-O-O 15.♔f2 ♖hf8=) 15.♗c4 ♗g4 16.♔e2 ♗c5 17.♗d5 ♘d4+ (17...O-O-O 18.h3 ♘d4+ 19.♗xd4 ♗xf3+ 20.♔xf3 ♗xd4=) 18.♗xd4 ♗xd4 19.♗xb7 ♖b8 20.♗c6+ ♔e7 21.b3 ♖hc8 22.♖c1 ♗b2 23.♖c4 ♖b6 24.♗d5 ♖xc4 25.♗xc4 ♖d6 26.h3 ♗xf3+ 27.♔xf3 ♖d2 28.♖e1 ♗d4 29.♖e2 ♖xe2 30.♔xe2 a5= Erigaisi,A (2626)-Puranik,A (2568) Plovdiv 151/(156) 2021) 10.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 11.♘f3 f6 12.♗c4 ♗b4 (12...♗c5 13.♖c1 ♔e7=) 13.♗xb4 ♘xb4 Sakalauskas,V (2330)-Hnydiuk,A (2407) Suwalki 151/(156) 2021 (13...♘xb4 14.♖c1 ♔e7 15.♔e2 ♗g4=)

**6...♘c6 7.dxc5 ♗g7 8.♘f3 O-O 9.♕a4N**

9.e4 - 151/(156) 9...♘db4 10.a3 ♘d3+ 11.♗xd3 ♕xd3 12.♗e3N (12.♕e2) 12...♕a6 (12...♗xc3+ 13.♖xc3 ♕xe4 14.O-O ♗g4 15.♕b3 ♕e6∞) 13.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 14.♔xe2 ♗e6?! (14...f5! 15.exf5 gxf5 16.♖hd1 e5=/∞) 15.♘d5 ♗xb2 16.♖b1 ♗xa3 17.♖xb7± Antova,G (2313)-Antipov,M (2607) lichess.org (Int. -rapid) 151/(156) 2021

**9...♗e6**

9...♘xc3! 10.♗xc3 ♗xc3+ 11.♖xc3 b5! 12.cxb6 (12.♕xb5? ♖b8 13.♕a4 ♖xb2∓) 12...♗b7 13.e3 (13.bxa7 ♖xa7 14.♕b3 ♕a8 15.a3 ♖b8=/∞) 13...axb6 14.♕b3 ♘a5 15.♕c2 ♕d5=/∞

**10.a3 a5 11.♘d1**

11.e3 ♕d7 12.♗e2 ♖fd8=/∞

**11...♕d7 12.e4 ♘c7 13.h3 ♖fd8=/∞ 14.♗e2 ♗a2**

14...♘e5 15.♕xd7 (15.♕c2? ♘xf3+ 16.♗xf3 ♗b3-+) 15...♘xf3+ 16.♗xf3 ♖xd7 17.♘c3 ♖ad8 18.♗e3 ♗b3 19.O-O ♘e6=/∞

**15.♘c3 ♕e6 16.♘xa2 ♕xa2 17.O-O ♗xb2 18.♕c2 ♕xa3 19.♖b1 ♗g7**

19...♘d4 20.♘xd4 (20.♕xb2 ♘xe2+ 21.♔h2 ♕xb2 22.♖xb2 ♘e6 23.♖xb7 ♘2d4 24.♘xd4 ♖xd4 25.♗e3 ♖c4 26.♖xe7 a4 27.♖a1 ♖c3∞) 20...♗xd4 21.♖xb7 ♘e6 22.c6 ♕c5 23.♕xc5 ♘xc5 24.♗f4 ♖ac8 25.♖xe7 ♖xc6=

**20.♖xb7 ♘e6 21.♗e3 ♗d4**

21...♖ab8 22.♖xb8 ♖xb8 23.♗c4 ♕b4 (23...♘ed8=) 24.♗xe6 fxe6 25.♕d3 ♖d8 26.♕c2 ♖b8=

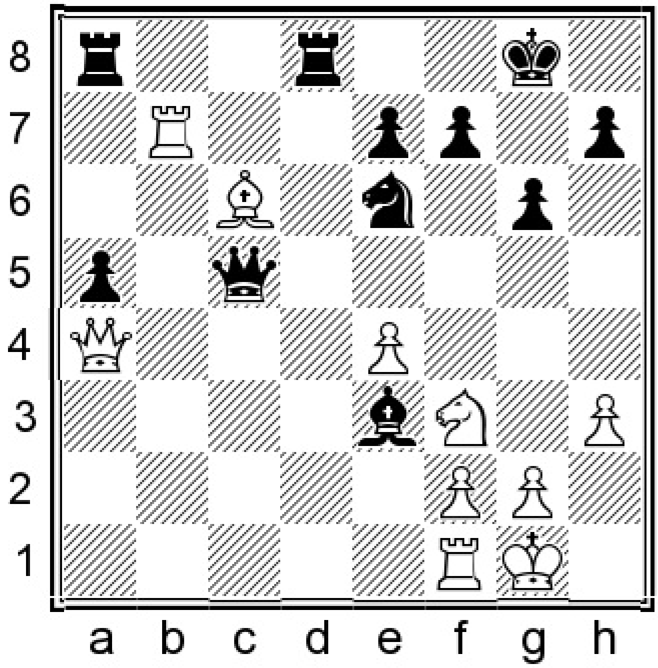
**22.♗b5?**

22.♘xd4 ♘cxd4 23.♕c4 ♕xc5 24.♖c1 a4∓; 22.♖b3 ♘b4! 23.♕b1 ♕a2 24.♕xa2 (24.♘xd4 ♕xb1 25.♖fxb1 ♘xd4 26.♗xd4 ♖xd4 27.♖c3 ♘c6 28.♖b6 ♖c8 29.♗b5 ♘a7=) 24...♘xa2 25.♗c4 ♗xe3 26.fxe3 ♘b4 27.♗xe6 fxe6=

**22...♗xe3 23.♗xc6**

23.fxe3 ♕xe3+ 24.♔h2 ♘xc5 25.♗xc6 ♘xb7 26.♗xb7 ♖a7 27.♗c6 ♕f4+ 28.♔h1 ♖c7∓

**23...♕xc5 24.♕a4**



**24...♘d4! 25.♘xd4**

25.fxe3 ♘xc6 26.♔h1 ♖ab8-+

**25...♗xd4 26.♗d5**

26.♖xe7 ♖ac8 27.♖e8+ ♖xe8 28.♗xe8 ♔f8∓

**26...♖ab8 27.♗xf7+ ♔g7**

27...♔xf7? 28.♕b3+ ♔g7 29.♖xb8 a4 30.♕b1 ♖xb8 31.♕xb8 a3 32.♕b3 h5=

**28.♖xb8 ♖xb8 29.♗d5 ♗xf2+! 30.♔h1 ♖f8-+**

30...♗d4 31.♖f7+ ♔h8-+

**31.♕d1 ♖f6 32.e5 ♖f8**

32...♖f4 33.e6 a4 34.♕d3 a3

**33.♗f3 ♗g3 34.e6 ♖f6 35.♕e2 a4 36.♕a2 a3 37.♕b3 ♗d6 38.♖d1 ♕e5 39.♔g1 ♕xe6**

39...♖xe6 40.♗d5 ♕h2+ 41.♔f1 ♖e5

**40.♕xe6 ♖xe6 41.♖a1 ♖e5 0-1**

**157. D85**
**Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2612) - Grandelius, Nils (2672)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/157, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♕a4+ ♘d7 8.♘f3 O-O 9.♕a3 c5 10.♗e2 b6 11.h4N**

11.e5 - 144/(148)

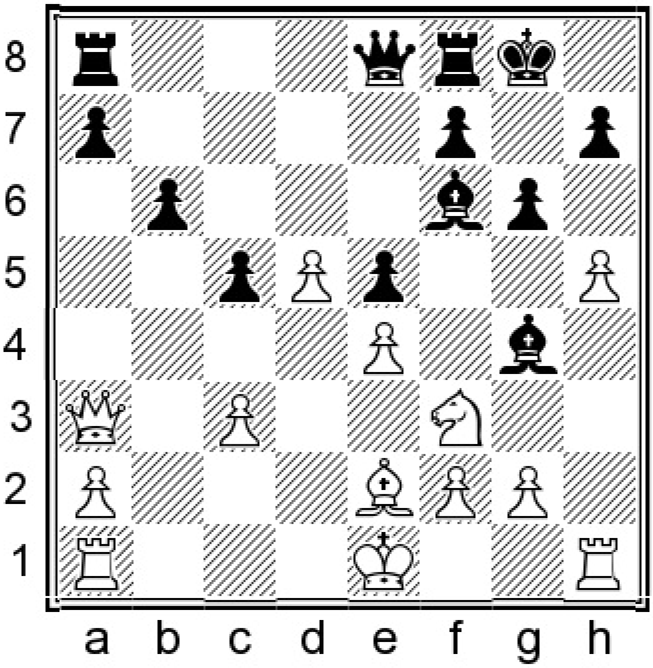
**11...e5**

11...cxd4 12.cxd4 ♘c5 13.e5 ♘e6 14.♗e3 ♗b7 15.♖c1 h5∞

**12.d5 ♘f6 13.♗g5 ♕e8**

13...h6 14.♗xf6 ♕xf6 15.h5±

**14.♗xf6! ♗xf6 15.h5 ♗g4**



**16.♘d2! ♗d7**

16...♗xe2 17.♔xe2 ♗g5 18.♘f3 ♕b5+ 19.c4! ♕xc4+ 20.♕d3 ♕xd3+ 21.♔xd3 ♗f6 22.a4±

**17.c4 ♕e7 18.♕c3 ♗g7 19.♕e3**

19.♕g3!? a6 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.♔f1±

**19...f5 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.a4± ♗f6**

21...a5 22.♖b1 ♖ab8 23.♗d1±

**22.a5**

22.♕h3 ♕g7 (22...fxe4? 23.♗g4+-) 23.g4! f4 24.a5±

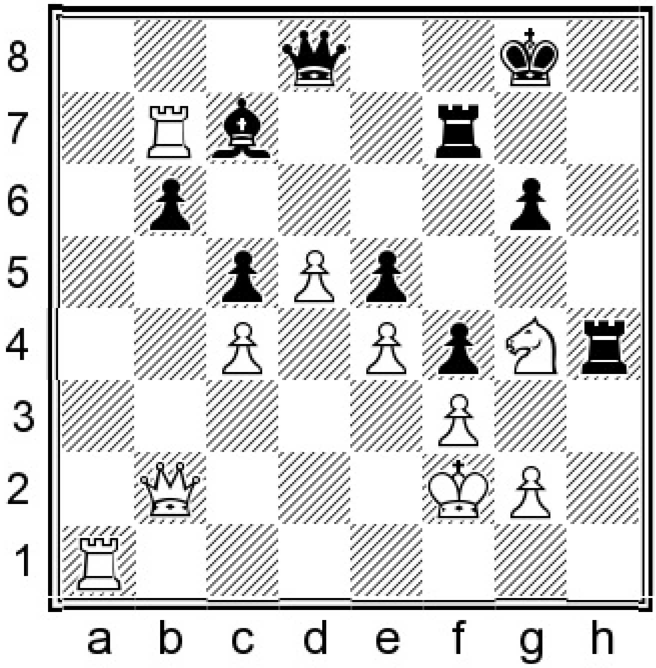
**22...♗g5 23.♕h3 ♕g7 24.♕c3 ♕f6 25.♗d3 ♕e7**

25...♗xd2+ 26.♕xd2 f4 27.♗e2±

**26.♘f3 ♗f6 27.♕c2 ♖ac8 28.axb6 axb6 29.O-O± f4 30.♖a7 ♕d6**

30...♕g7 31.♘h2 ♖f7 32.♗e2±

**31.♗e2 ♗d8 32.♘h2 ♗c7 33.♖fa1 ♔g7 34.♗g4+- ♗xg4 35.♘xg4 ♖f7 36.f3 ♖h8 37.♕b2 ♖h5 38.♖b7 ♕d8 39.♖aa7 ♔g8 40.♔f2 ♖h1 41.♖a1 ♖h4**



**42.♖xc7! ♖xc7 43.♕xe5 ♖f7 44.♕e6 ♖xg4 45.♕xg4 ♔g7 46.♕e6**

46.♖a6 ♕f6 47.♔g1 ♖f8 48.♖a7+

**46...♕h4+ 47.♔e2 ♕g5 48.♔f1 ♕h4 49.♔g1**

49.♕e5+ ♕f6 50.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 51.♔e2

**49...♕f6 50.♕xf6+ ♔xf6 51.♔f2 ♔e5 52.♔e2 ♔d4 53.♖d1+ ♔e5**

53...♔xc4 54.d6 ♖d7 55.e5

**54.♖a1 ♔d4 55.♖d1+ ♔e5 56.♔d3 ♖a7 57.♔c3 g5 58.♔b3 g4 59.d6**

59.fxg4

**59...gxf3 60.gxf3 ♔e6 61.d7 ♖xd7 62.♖xd7 ♔xd7 63.♔a4 ♔c6 64.e5 1-0**

**158. D85**
**Suleymenov, Alisher (2418) - Shomoev, Anton (2578)**
**Chelyabinsk 151/158, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.♗b5+ ♘c6 9.d5 ♕a5 10.♖b1 ♗xc3+ 11.♗d2 a6 12.♗a4 ♗xd2+ 13.♘xd2 b5 14.dxc6 bxa4 15.O-O ♗e6 16.♕c1 O-O 17.♘f3 ♖fc8N**

17...♖ac8 - 147/(155)

**18.♖b7?**

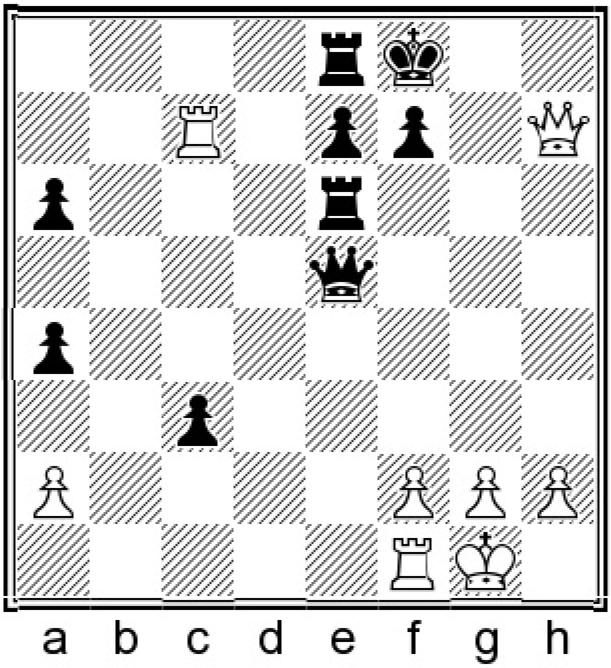
18.h4 ♖xc6 (18...♔g7 19.♘g5 ♖xc6 20.♕b2+ ♔g8 21.♕b7 ♖ac8 22.♘xe6 fxe6 23.♕xe7 ♕d8∞) 19.♕h6 f6 20.h5 gxh5 21.♘g5 fxg5 22.♕xg5+ ♔f7 23.♕xh5+ ♔g7 24.♕g5+ ♔f7 25.♕h5+=

**18...♖xc6 19.♕h6 ♖e8?!**

19...♕c3! 20.e5 ♗d5 21.♘g5 (21.♖c1 ♕a3-+) 21...♕xe5 22.♕xh7+ ♔f8∓

**20.h4**

20.e5! c4 21.♖d7! g5 (21...♗xd7? 22.♘g5+-) 22.♘xg5 ♕xe5 23.♕xh7+ ♔f8 24.♘xe6+ ♖xe6 25.♖c7 c3

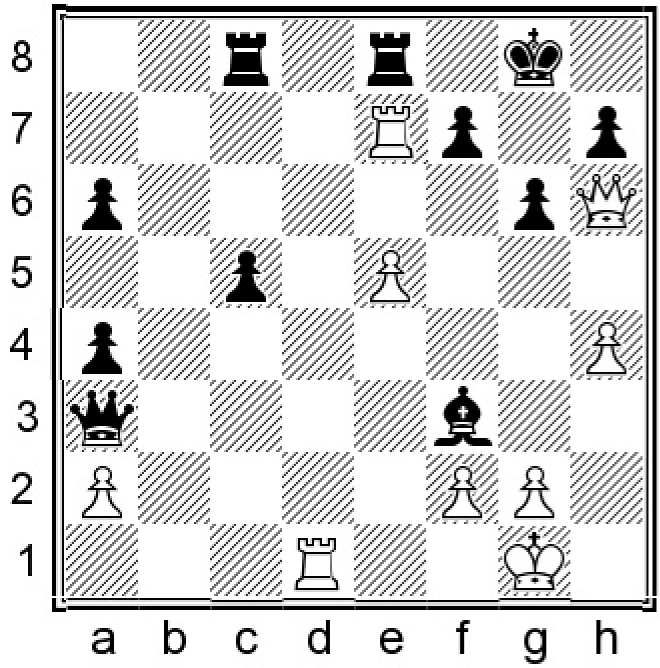


26.♖c5! ♕g7 (26...♕d4 27.♖c4 ♕e5 28.g3±) 27.♕c2 ♖g6 28.g3±

**20...♕c3**

20...c4 21.♘g5 ♕c3 22.♕xh7+ ♔f8 23.♘xe6+ ♖xe6 24.h5 gxh5 25.♖c7 ♕g7 (25...♖g6 26.♖xc4! ♕xc4 27.♕h8+ ♖g8 28.♕h6+=) 26.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 27.♖xc4=

**21.e5 ♗d5 22.♖c1 ♕a3 23.♖d1 ♗xf3 24.♖xe7! ♖cc8?**



24...♖f8 25.♖xf7! ♔xf7 26.♕xh7+ ♔e6 27.♕xg6+ ♔xe5 28.♕g5+ ♖f5 29.♖e1+ ♗e4 30.♕e7+ ♖e6 31.♖xe4+ ♔xe4 32.♕xe6+ ♖e5 33.♕c4+ ♔f5 34.♕f7+ ♔g4 35.f3+ ♔g3 36.♕g6+ ♔f4 37.♕h6+ ♔g3 38.♕g7+=

**25.♖xf7! ♔xf7 26.♕xh7+?**

26.♖d6! ♔g8 (26...♖xe5 27.♕xh7+ ♔e8 28.♕xg6+ ♔e7 29.♕f6+ ♔e8 30.♕xe5++-) 27.♖d7+-

**26...♔e6 27.♕xg6+ ♔xe5 28.♕g5+ ♔e6=**

28...♔e4? 29.♕d5+ ♔f4 30.g3+ ♔g4 31.♕d7+ ♔h5 32.♕f5+ ♔h6 33.♖d6+ ♔g7 34.♖d7+ ♔g8 35.♕h7+ ♔f8 36.♖f7#

**29.♕g6+ ♔e5 30.♕g7+ ♔e6 31.♕h6+ ♔e5 32.♕g7+ ♔e6 33.♕g6+ ♔e5 34.♕g3+ ♔f5 35.♕g5+ ♔e6 36.♕h6+ ♔e5 37.♕g7+ 1/2-1/2**

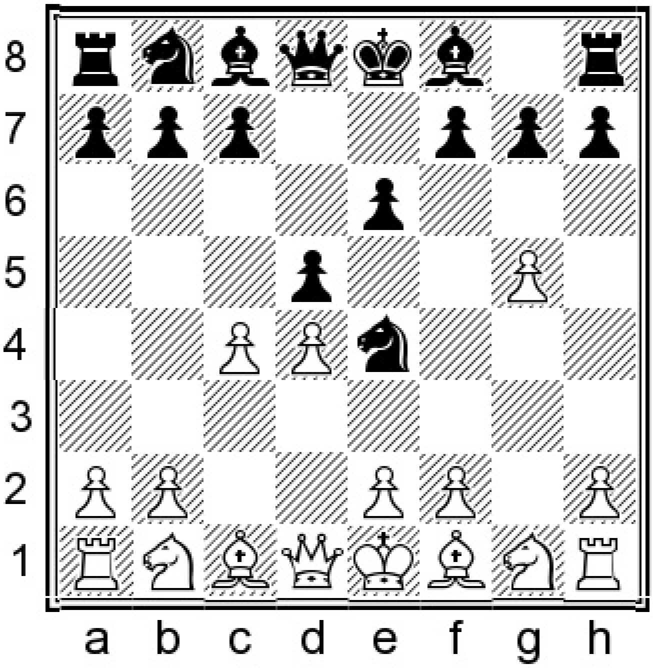
# E00-E24

**159. ** E00**
**Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/159, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g4!? d5**

3...♘xg4 4.e4 f5N (4...♘c6) 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘f3?! (6.exf5!⇄) 6...fxe4! 7.♘xe4 ♗b4+ 8.♗d2 d5∓ Petrosian, T (2573)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2637) Armenia (ch) 151/(159) 2022

**4.g5 ♘e4**



**5.♗g2N**

5.f3?? ♗b4+ 6.♘d2 ♕xg5!-+ 7.♕a4+ ♗d7 8.♕xb4 ♕h4+ 9.♔d1 ♘f2+ 10.♔c2 ♘c6 11.♕xb7 O-O 12.♕xc7 ♖fd8; 5.♘f3 - 151/(159) 5...♗e7N (5...c5) 6.h4 O-O 7.♘c3 c5 8.♗g2 ♘c6∞ Zubritskiy,A (2442)-Oparin,G (2652) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 151/(159) 2021

**5...♗b4+**

5...♘xg5 6.♘c3 ♗b4 7.♕b3⯹; 5...c5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 (7...♕a5+!?) 8.♗xe4 dxe4 9.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 10.♘c3 ♗f5 11.♗f4 ♘d7=

**6.♔f1 ♗e7**

6...♘xg5?! 7.c5! c6 8.♕a4 ♘a6 9.a3 b5 10.♕c2! (10.cxb6 ♗e7∞) 10...♗a5 11.h4 ♘e4 12.♗xe4 dxe4

13.b4 ♗c7 14.♕xe4±

**7.h4 O-O 8.♘h3 c6**

8...c5∞

**9.♕c2**

9.♗xe4 dxe4 10.♘c3 e5! 11.dxe5 ♗f5⩱

**9...e5**

9...♘d6!? 10.♘d2 ♘a6

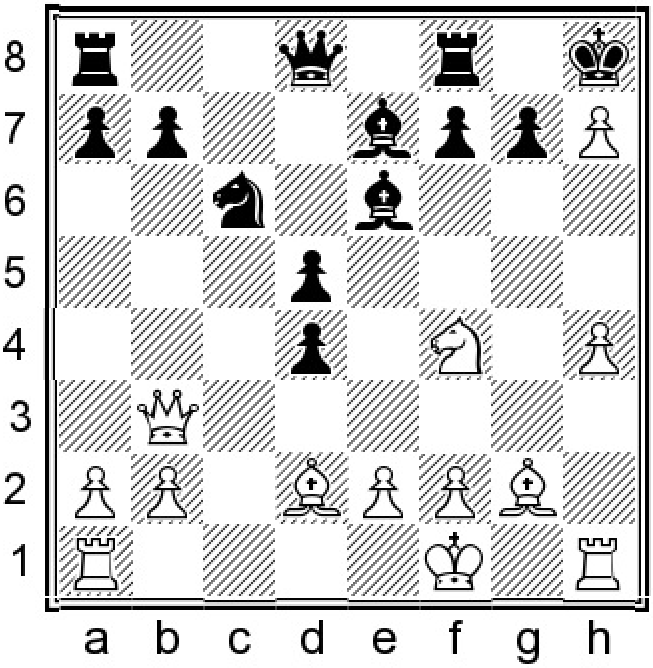
**10.♘d2 ♘xd2+ 11.♗xd2 exd4**

11...e4 12.♘f4⩲

**12.cxd5 cxd5 13.♘f4 ♗e6 14.g6?!**

14.♕b3 ♘c6 15.♗xd5 ♗xd5 16.♕xd5 ♕b6 17.♘d3 ♖ad8=

**14...♘c6 15.gxh7+ ♔h8 16.♕b3**



**16...♕d7?**

16...♗xh4!∓ 17.♗xd5 (17.♕xb7 ♘e5-+) 17...♗g5! 18.♗xe6 ♗xf4-+

**17.♗xd5 ♗xd5 18.♕xd5 ♖ad8 19.♕xd7 ♖xd7= 20.♖c1 ♔xh7 21.♘d3 ♖d5 22.♗f4 ♖e8 23.♗g3 ♗d6 24.♖g1 ♖e4 25.f3 ♖e7 26.♗f2 1/2-1/2**

**160. E01**
**So, Wesley (2772) - Harikrishna, Penteala (2717)**
**Berlin 151/160, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 a5 6.♗g2 O-O 7.♕c2 c5 8.cxd5 cxd4 9.♘xd4 ♕b6 10.e3 exd5 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♘xc6 bxc6 13.♖c1 ♖b8 14.♗xb4**

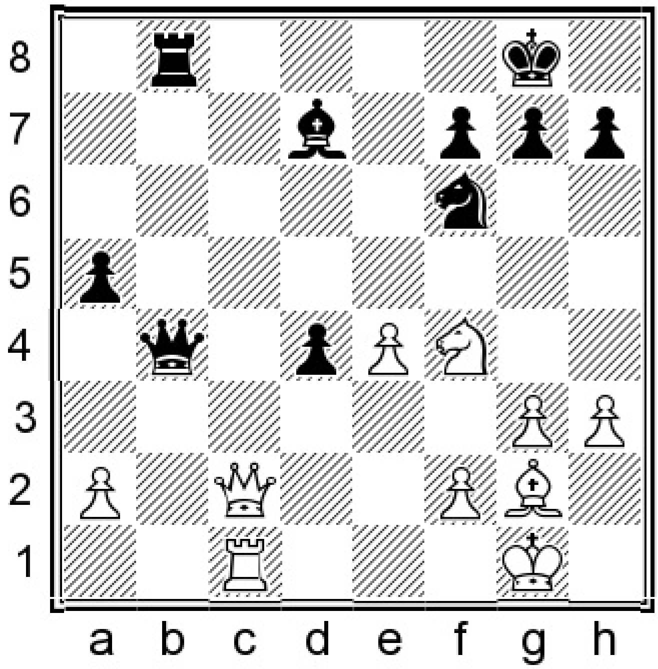
14.♘c3 - 146/163

**14...♕xb4 15.b3 ♗e6 16.♘c3 c5 17.♘e2 ♖fc8 18.♘f4 c4 19.bxc4 ♖xc4 20.♕d1N**

20.♕e2

**20...♕c5**

20...♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♗g4! 22.♘xd5 (22.♕f1 d4 23.exd4 ♕xd4=; 22.♕c2 d4 23.h3 ♗d7 24.exd4 (24.e4 24...h6! 25.e5 ♘h7 26.♗d5 ♘g5 27.h4 ♘h3+ 28.♘xh3 ♗xh3 29.♔h2 ♗e6=) 24...♕xd4=) 22...♘xd5 23.♕xd5 ♗e6 24.♕e5 ♗xa2 25.♗d5 ♗xd5 26.♕xd5 h6 27.♖c7 ♕b3= 28.♕xb3 (28.♕xa5?! ♕b1+ 29.♔g2 ♕e4+ 30.♔h3 ♖b2→) 28...♖xb3 29.♖c8+ ♔h7 30.♖c7 ♔g6 31.♖a7=



**21.♘xe6**

21.♖cb1 ♖c8 22.a4 ♗g4! 23.♗f3 ♗xf3 24.♕xf3 ♕c6⇄

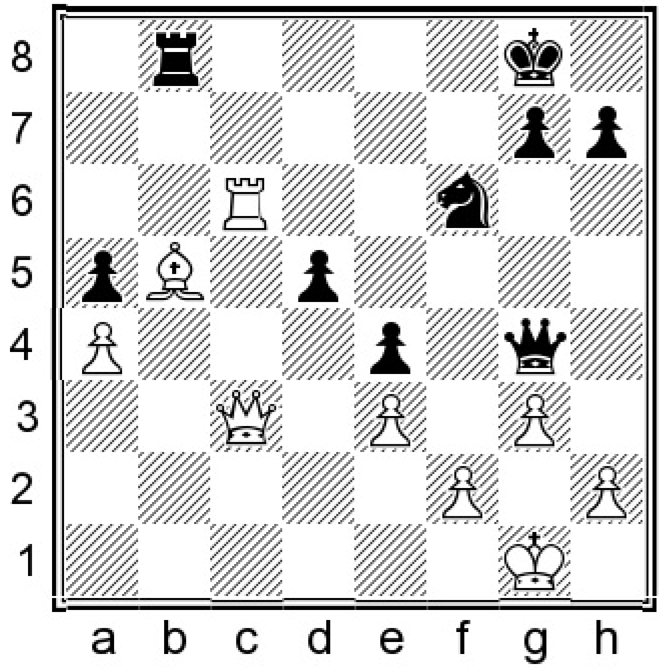
**21...fxe6 22.♗f1**

22.♗h3!? ♔f7 23.♗f1 ♖c3 24.♖xc3 ♕xc3 25.♖c1 ♕b2 26.♖c2 ♕b6 27.♕c1±

**22...♖c3 23.♖xc3 ♕xc3 24.♖c1 ♕b2**

24...♕e5 25.♗h3! ♕e4 26.♕c2± Δ♕xc2? 27.♗xe6+

**25.♖c2 ♕b6 26.♕c1 e5 27.♖c6 ♕d8 28.♕c3 e4 29.a4 ♕d7 30.♗b5 ♕g4**



**31.♕xa5?!**

31.♕c2±

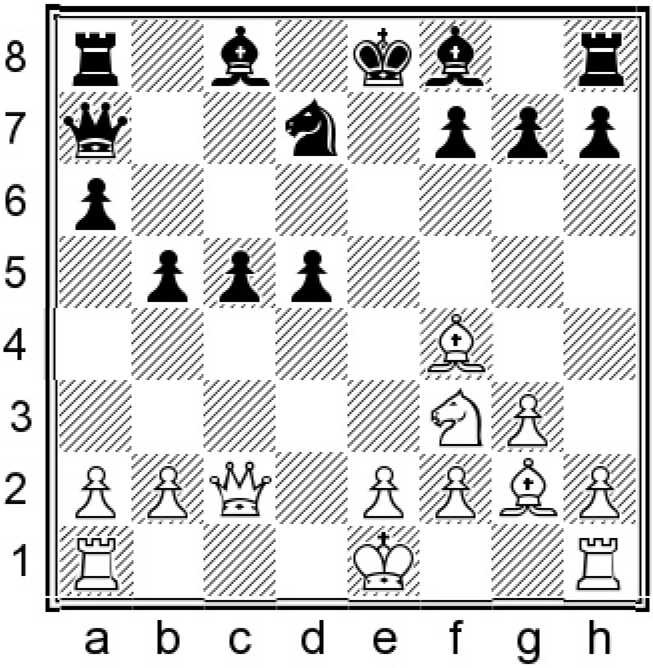
**31...♕d1+= 32.♗f1 ♖b1 33.♕a6 h5 34.♖b6**

34.a5 ♔h7 35.♖b6 ♖a1 36.♖b2 ♕f3 37.♕e2 ♕xe2 38.♖xe2 ♖xa5=

**34...♖a1 35.♖xf6 gxf6 36.♕e6+ 1/2-1/2**

**161. E03**
**Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727) - Aronian, Levon (2772)**
**Berlin 151/161, 2022**

**1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 e6 3.♗g2 d5 4.♘f3 dxc4 5.♕a4+ ♘bd7 6.♕xc4 a6 7.♕c2 c5 8.♘c3 ♕c7 9.d4 b5 10.♗f4 ♕a7 11.d5 ♘xd5 12.♘xd5 exd5**



**13.a4N**

13.e4 - 5/29

**13...♗e7**

13...b4 14.e4 d4 15.e5=∞ ♗e7 16.O-O O-O 17.e6!? fxe6 18.♖ae1 ♘b6 19.♘e5→

**14.axb5 ♕b6 15.♘e5**

15.bxa6 ♖xa6 16.♖xa6 ♗xa6 17.O-O O-O⇄; 15.O-O O-O 16.♘g5 ♗xg5 17.♗xg5 ♗b7 18.bxa6 ♖xa6 19.♖xa6 ♕xa6 20.♕f5 ♕e6=

**15...♘xe5 16.♗xd5 ♗b7 17.♕e4 ♗xd5 18.♕xd5 O-O 19.♗xe5 ♕xb5 20.O-O ♖fe8 21.♗c3 a5 22.e3 a4 23.♖fd1 ♕b3 24.♖a3**

24.♕xb3 axb3 25.e4 ♖a2 26.♖ac1 ♖a4 27.f3 ♔f8 28.♖d7

**24...♕xd5 25.♖xd5 c4 26.♖a2 ♖ec8 27.♔f1 a3 28.bxa3 ♖xa3 29.♖xa3 ♗xa3 30.♔e2 ♗e7 31.♖d7 ♗f6! 32.♗xf6 gxf6 33.♔d2**

33.♖d4 ♔g7 34.♔d2 c3+ 35.♔c2 h5 36.♖d3 ♖c5 37.♖xc3 ♖f5 38.f4 ♖a5±

**33...♖a8= 34.♔c3 ♖a3+ 35.♔b2 ♖b3+ 36.♔c2 ♖a3 37.♔b2 ♖b3+ 38.♔c2 ♖a3 1/2-1/2**

**162. E04**
**Kourkoulos Arditis, Stamatis (2500) - Grigore, George Gabriel (2477)**
**Romania 151/162, 2021**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 c5 6.O-O ♘c6 7.♘e5 ♗d7 8.♘xc4 cxd4 9.♗f4 ♘d5 10.♘d6+ ♗xd6 11.♗xd6 ♘de7 12.♘d2 O-O 13.♕b3 b6 14.♘c4 ♖c8 15.♖ad1N**

15.♖fd1 - 44/(603)

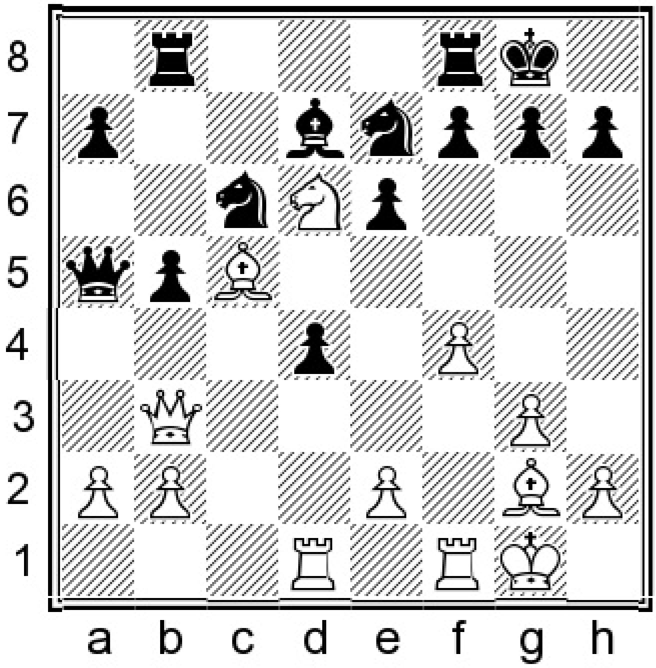
**15...♖e8 16.♗a3 ♖b8?!**

16...♘f5 17.g4 ♘h4 18.♗e4 f5 19.♗xc6 ♗xc6 20.♘d6 ♗d5 21.♕a4 e5 22.f4 ♗c4 23.♖c1 b5 24.♕a6 ♕d7 25.♘xc8 ♖xc8=∞

**17.♘d6 ♖f8 18.f4! b5**

18...♘a5 19.♕d3 b5 20.♗c5 ♗c6 21.♕xd4 ♗xg2 22.♔xg2±

**19.♗c5 ♕a5**



**20.e3! dxe3**

20...♕a4 21.exd4 ♕xb3 22.axb3 ♘d5 23.♗xd5 exd5 24.f5 a5 25.g4±

**21.♕xe3 ♘d5 22.♗xd5**

22.♕f2 ♘ce7 (22...♕xa2? 23.♖a1 ♕b3 24.♖a3+-) 23.f5 ♕c7 24.b4 a5 25.a3 axb4 26.axb4 ♘f6 27.♕f4±

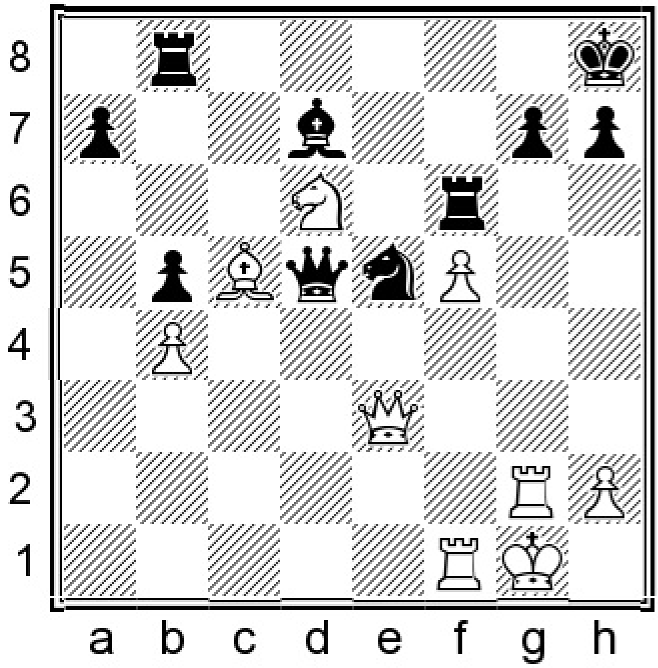
**22...exd5 23.f5 f6 24.♖xd5?!**

24.♕b3 ♔h8 (24...♘e7?! 25.♖fe1+-) 25.♕xd5 ♕c7 26.♘f7+ ♖xf7 27.♕xf7 ♘e5 28.♕d5 ♗c6 29.♕d6±

**24...♕xa2 25.♖d2 ♘e5 26.b4 ♕a6 27.g4 ♕c6?**

27...h6 28.♕g3 ♔h8 29.h4 ♗c6 30.g5±

**28.g5 ♔h8 29.♖g2+- ♕d5 30.gxf6 ♖xf6**



30...gxf6 31.♕h6+-

**31.♖d2! ♘c4 32.♖xd5 ♘xe3 33.♗xe3 ♗c6 34.♖d2 1-0**

**163. *** E04**
**Harikrishna, Penteala (2719) - Lupulescu, Constantin (2645)**
**Polska 151/163, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 a5 7.a3 ♗xd2+**

7...♗e7 - 133/(159)

**8.♘bxd2 b5 9.b3 cxb3 10.♕xb3 c6 11.O-O O-O 12.♕b2**

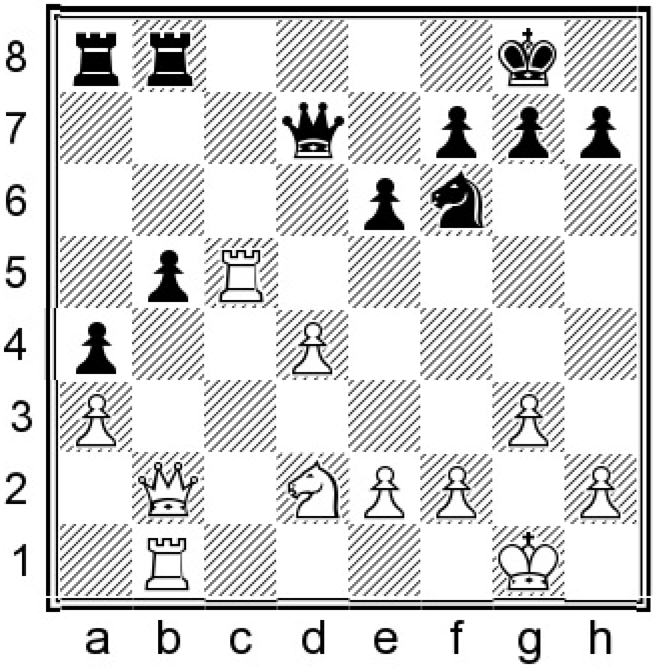
12.♖fc1 ♗b7 13.♕b2 ♘bd7 14.♘e1 ♕b8 15.♘d3 ♖c8N (15...♖e8) 16.♖ab1 c5? (16...♕a7 17.♘b3 ♘d5 18.♘bc5 ♘xc5 19.♘xc5=∞) 17.dxc5 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 ♕b7+ 19.f3 ♖ab8 20.e4 ♕a8 21.♕c3± Gledura,B (2628)-Jacobson,B (2492) Clayton 151/(163) 2021

**12...a4N**

12...♗b7 - 151/(163) 13.♘e5 ♘d5 14.♖fc1 ♖a7N (14...♕e7) 15.♘e4 ♕e7 16.♘c5 ♗a8 17.e4 (17.♖c2 ♘b6 (17...♘a6 18.♘b3±) 18.♖ac1±) 17...♘b6 18.a4 b4 19.♘b3 ♖c8 20.f4=∞ Royal,S (2280)-Siddharth,J (2331) Budapest 151/(163) 2021; 12...♘bd7

**13.♖fc1 ♕e7 14.♘e5 ♗d7 15.♖c2**

15.♘xc6 ♘xc6 16.♗xc6 ♗xc6 17.♖xc6 ♖fb8 18.♖c5 ♕b7?! (18...♕d7 19.e3 (19.♖b1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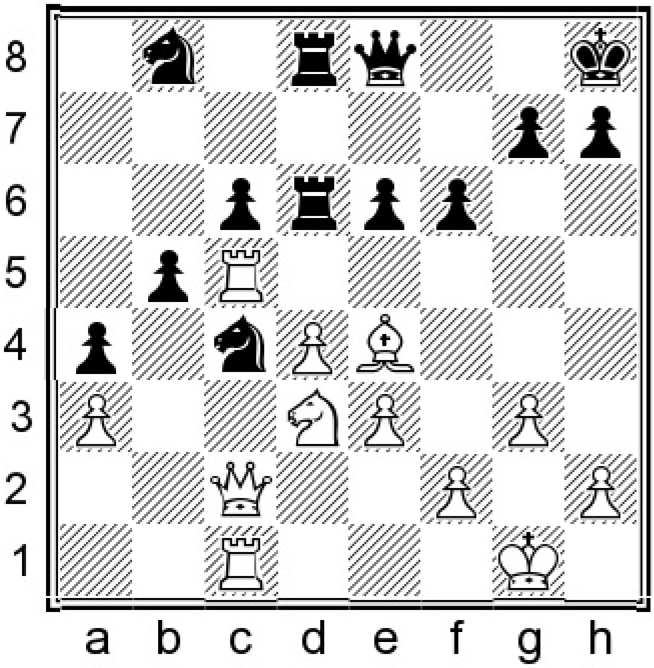
19...b4! 20.axb4 a3 21.♕a2 (21.♕a1 ♕a4 22.b5 h5∓) 21...♕xd4 22.♖c4 ♕d7∞) 19...♘d5 20.♘f3 b4 21.♘e5 ♕e8 22.axb4 ♘xb4 23.♕a3 f6 24.♘f3 ♘d5∞) 19.♖b1 ♕a7 1/2 (19) Schekachikhin,M (2448) -Hakobyan,A (2603) Tsaghkadzor 151/(163) 2021 (19...♕a7 20.♕c2 h6 21.♕d3±)

**15...♖d8 16.♘e4 ♘d5 17.♘xd7 ♕xd7 18.♘c5 ♕e8 19.♘d3 ♖a7 20.♖ac1 ♖ad7 21.e3=∞ f6 22.♖c5 ♖d6 23.♕e2 ♘b6**

23...♘a6 24.♖5c2 e5 25.♗xd5+ cxd5 26.♘c5=∞

**24.♗e4 ♔h8 25.♕c2 ♘c4**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**26.♖xc4! bxc4 27.♘b2**

27.♕xc4 e5 28.dxe5 fxe5 29.♘c5 ♖f6 30.♗c2∞

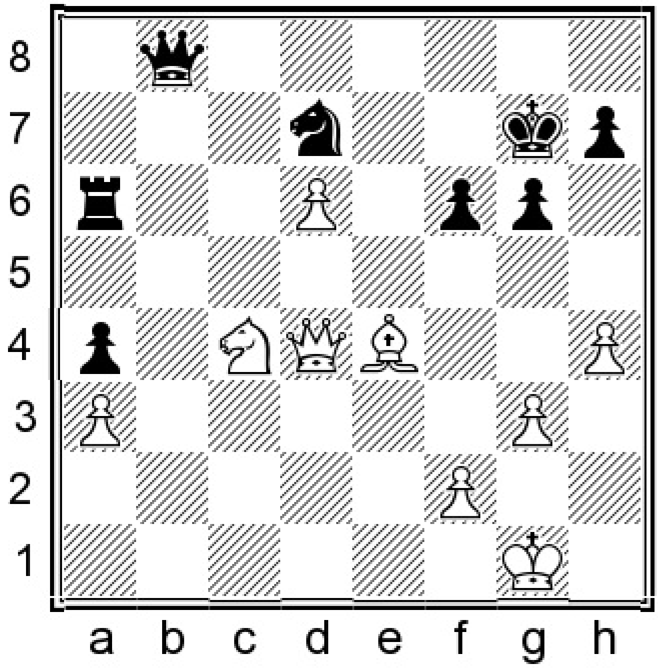
**27...♖6d7**

27...c3 28.♕xc3 e5 29.♘c4 ♖e6 30.♗f3 h6 31.♘a5∞

**28.♘xc4 ♖a7 29.♖b1 g6 30.♖b6 ♔g7 31.♕b2 ♕f8 32.h4 c5 33.♖xe6 cxd4 34.exd4 ♖e8 35.d5 ♘d7 36.♖xe8 ♕xe8 37.♕d4 ♖a6?!**

37...♖c7 38.d6 ♖c5 39.♗d5 h5=

**38.d6 ♕b8?!**



38...♘e5 39.♗d5 ♘xc4 40.♗xc4 ♖a8 41.d7 ♕e1+ 42.♔h2 h5 43.♗b5±

**39.h5! ♕a7**

39...g5 40.♕d5+-; 39...gxh5 40.♕d5 ♖a7 41.♕xh5 ♘f8 42.♕g4+ ♔h8 43.♕f5+-

**40.♕d5 ♘f8**

40...♘b6 41.♕d2 ♘xc4 42.h6+ ♔f8 43.d7 ♘xd2 44.d8=♕+ ♔f7 45.♗d5+ ♖e6 46.♕h8+-

**41.♕b5+- ♕d4 42.♕xa6 ♕xe4 43.♕a7+ ♔h6 44.♕e7 ♕xc4 45.♕xf8+ ♔g5 46.♕e7 ♕c1+ 47.♔g2 ♕c6+ 48.♔h2 ♕c2 49.♕e3+ ♔xh5 50.♕d4 1-0**

**164. * E04**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2865) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2767)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/164, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 a5 7.O-O O-O 8.e3!?**

8.♗g5 - 116/(164)

**8...♖a6 9.♕c2N**

9.a4

**9...b5 10.a4 c6 11.♘c3 ♖b6**

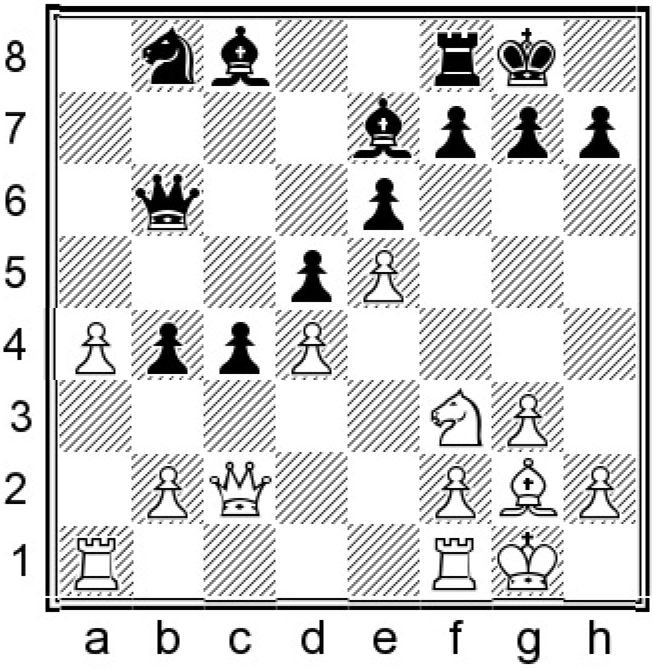
11...♗b7 12.axb5?! (12.e4 h6⇄) 12...cxb5 13.♘xb5 ♖b6 (13...♘bd7=) 14.♘c3 (14.♘a3? ♗e4 15.♕c1 ♕d5∓) 14...♘bd7⇄; 11...♘bd7 12.e4 (12.axb5 cxb5 13.♘xb5 ♗b7 14.♘a3 ♗xa3 15.♖xa3 ♕a8⇄) 12...h6∞

**12.e4 ♗e7!?**

12...h6∞

**13.e5 ♘d5 14.axb5!?** - 151/164

14.♘xd5N - 151/(164) 14...cxd5 (14...exd5? 15.♗xa5 b4 16.b3±) 15.♗xa5 b4 16.♗xb6! (16.b3 ♘c6 17.♗xb6 ♕xb6=∞) 16...♕xb6

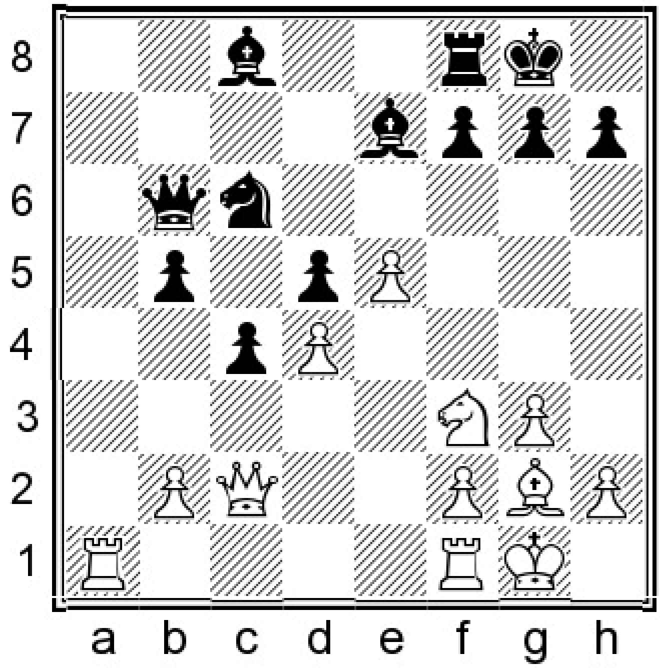


17.a5! ♕a7 Sevian,S (2684)-Mamedyarov,S (2767) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 151/(164) 2022 (17...♕a7 18.b3⩲)

**14...cxb5**

14...♘b4!? 15.♕e4 cxb5 16.♖xa5∞ (16.♕g4∞)

**15.♘xd5 exd5 16.♗xa5 ♘c6 17.♗xb6 ♕xb6**



**18.♖a8! h6**

18...♘xd4? 19.♘xd4 ♕xd4 20.♖d1 ♕xe5 21.♖xd5! ♕e1+ 22.♗f1 ♗h3 23.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 24.♖d1+-; ⌓18...♗e6 19.♖xf8+ (19.♖fa1 ♘xd4=) 19...♗xf8 20.♕d2 h6±

**19.♖fa1 ♗e6 20.♕d1! b4 21.b3! c3 22.♖8a6! ♕c7 23.♘e1! f6 24.♘d3! fxe5 25.♘xe5 ♘xe5 26.♖xe6 c2 27.♕e1 1-0**

**165. E04**
**Pashikian, Arman (2606) - Martirosyan, Haik M (2621)**
**Armenia (ch) 151/165, 2022**

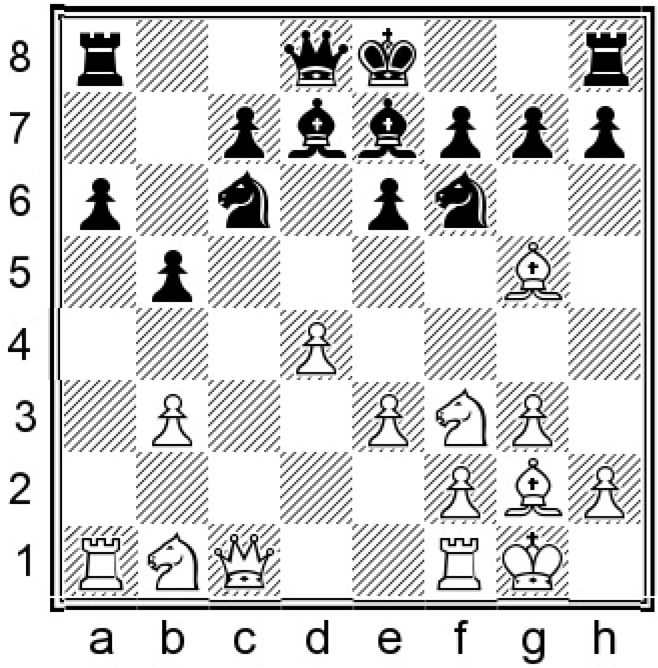
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 a6 6.O-O ♘c6 7.♗g5 ♗e7 8.e3 ♗d7**

8...O-O 9.♘bd2 e5 10.♘xe5 ♘xe5 11.dxe5 ♘g4 12.♗xe7 ♕xe7 13.♘xc4 ♘xe5 14.♘xe5 ♕xe5 15.♕d4 ♕xd4 16.exd4 ♖d8 17.♖fe1 ♔f8 18.d5 ♗f5 19.♖ac1 ♖d7 20.♖e5 g6= (20...♗g6? 21.♗h3!±)

**9.♕c1**

9.♘bd2 - 109/131

**9...b5 10.b3 cxb3 11.axb3**



11.♗xf6 gxf6 12.axb3 ♘b4 13.♘c3 c5∞

**11...♘b4!?N**

11...♘d5 12.♗xe7 ♕xe7 13.♕d2 O-O 14.♖c1±

**12.♘e5 ♖a7**

12...♖c8 13.♗b7 ♖b8 14.♗c6 ♗xc6 15.♘xc6 ♘xc6 16.♕xc6+ ♕d7 17.♖c1±

**13.♗xf6 gxf6**

13...♗xf6? 14.♕c5!+-

**14.♘xd7 ♕xd7 15.♖d1**

15.♘c3 O-O 16.d5 ♘xd5 17.♖d1 ♘xc3=

**15...c6 16.e4 O-O 17.♘c3 ♖d8 18.♘e2**

18.♘a2 ♘xa2 19.♖xa2 a5 20.d5 cxd5 21.exd5 a4=

**18...c5 19.d5**

19.♕f4 cxd4 20.♖xd4 ♕c7 21.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 22.♕g4+ ♔f8∓

**19...exd5 20.exd5 ♕f5 21.♘c3**

21.♘f4 ♗d6∓

**21...♖ad7 22.♗e4 ♕e5 23.f4 ♕h5 24.♕b1**

24.g4 ♕h6 25.♔h1 f5 26.gxf5 ♔h8 27.♕e3 ♗d6∓

**24...f5 25.♗xf5 ♘xd5**

25...♖d6!? 26.♕e4 ♗f6 27.g4 ♕h3 28.g5 ♗d4+ 29.♖xd4 ♕xc3 30.♖dd1 ♖xd5-+

**26.g4**

26.♗xd7 ♘xc3 27.♕d3 ♘xd1 28.♕xd1 ♕g6 29.♕g4 ♕xg4 30.♗xg4 ♖d3 31.♔g2 ♖xb3 32.♖xa6 c4 33.♖a8+ ♗f8 34.♖c8 c3 35.h4 ♖b2+ 36.♔f3 b4-+

**26...♕h3-+ 27.♘xd5 ♖xd5 28.♖xd5 ♖xd5 29.♕c2**

29.♕f1 ♕xb3

**29...♕e3+**

29...c4 30.♕g2 ♗c5+ 31.♔h1 ♕xg2+ 32.♔xg2 cxb3

**30.♕f2 ♕xb3 31.♕e2 ♕c3 32.♖e1 ♗h4 33.♖f1 ♖d2 34.♕e8+ ♔g7 35.♗xh7 ♖d8 36.♕e4 c4**

36...♕h3 37.g5 ♖d4 38.♗f5 ♗f2+ 39.♔xf2 ♕xh2+

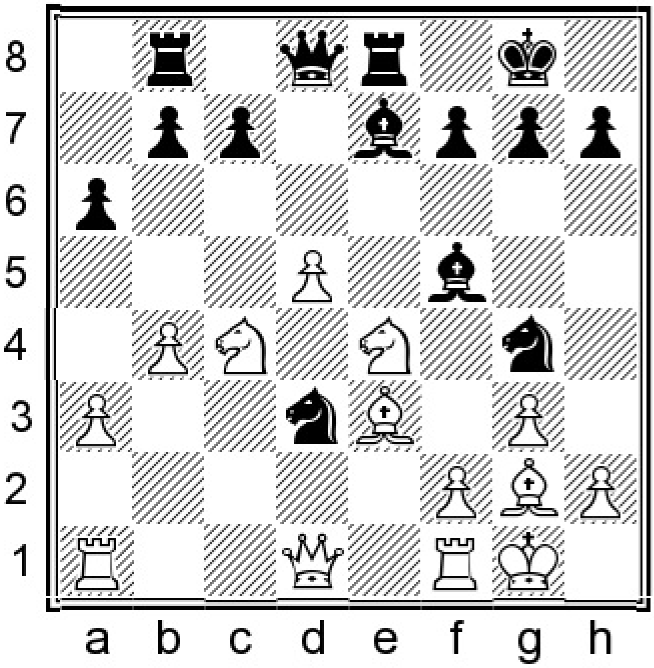
**37.g5 b4 38.♔h1 ♕h3 39.♖g1 ♕e6 40.♕b1 ♖d4 0-1**

**166. !N E04**
**Van Foreest, Lucas (2539) - Bjerre, Jonas Buhl (2586)**
**Wijk aan Zee II 151/166, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 a6 6.O-O ♘c6 7.♘c3 ♖b8 8.e4 ♗e7 9.d5 exd5 10.exd5 ♘b4 11.♘e5 ♗f5 12.♘xc4 O-O 13.a3 ♘d3 14.♗e3**

14.b4 - 86/459

**14...♖e8 15.b4 ♘g4 16.♘e4**



**16...b5!N**

16...♘de5

**17.♘a5**

17.♘cd2?! ♘xe3 18.fxe3 ♗g6! 19.♕b3 ♘e5 20.♖ae1 ♗d6∓; 17.♕xd3 bxc4 18.♕xc4 ♘xe3 19.fxe3 ♗xe4 20.♗xe4 ♗d6! 21.♖ae1 (21.♖f3 ♕g5 22.♖af1 g6 (22...♖e7=∞) 23.♖xf7?? ♕xe3+-+) 21...♕g5 22.♖f3 h5=∞

**17...♘xe3 18.fxe3 ♗xe4 19.♗xe4 ♘e5= 20.♘c6**

20.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 21.♕h5+ ♔g8 22.♕xe5 ♗f6 23.♕h5 ♖e5 (23...♗xa1? 24.♕xf7+ ♔h8 25.♕h5+ ♔g8 26.♘c6+-) 24.♕f3 ♕xd5=; 20.♕h5 g6 21.♕xe5 ♗xb4 22.♕f4 ♗xa5 23.♕xf7+ ♔h8 24.♗xg6 hxg6 25.♕xg6 ♖e7 26.♖f5 ♖h7 27.♖af1 ♕g8 28.♕c6 ♕g7=

**20...♘xc6 21.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 22.♕h5+ ♔g8 23.♕xf7+ ♔h8 24.♕h5+ ♔g8 25.♕f7+ ♔h8 26.♕h5+ ♔g8 27.♕f7+ 1/2-1/2**

**167. E04**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2865) - Rapport, Richard (2763)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/167, 2022**

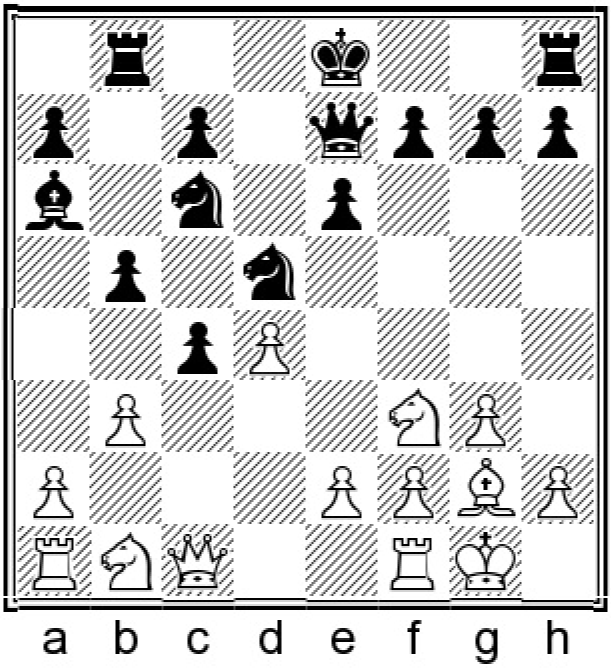
**1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 ♘c6 6.O-O ♖b8 7.♗e3!?**

7.e3 - 148/169

**7...♗d6**

7...♗e7 8.♕c1 (8.♘fd2 ♘d5 9.♘xc4 ♘xe3 10.fxe3 O-O=) 8...b5 (8...♘d5 9.♕xc4!? ♘xe3 10.fxe3 O-O 11.♘bd2±) 9.b3 O-O 10.bxc4 bxc4 11.♕xc4 ♘b4 12.♕c1 ♗a6=; 7...♘d5 8.♕c1 (8.♗g5!? ♗e7

(8...f6 9.♗d2) 9.♗xe7 ♕xe7 10.♕c1 b5 11.b3 ♗a6



12.a4! ♘a5 13.axb5 ♘xb3 14.♕xc4 ♘xa1 15.♕c6+ ♕d7 16.♕xa6=∞; 8.♗d2 ♗e7 9.a4= (9.♕c1 b5 10.b3 ♗a6 11.a4 b4! 12.bxc4 ♘b6∓)) 8...♘xe3 9.♕xe3 (9.fxe3?! g6! 10.♕xc4 ♗h6⇄) 9...♗e7 (9...g6? 10.♘bd2 ♗g7 (10...b5? 11.d5± (11.♘e5±)) 11.♘xc4 ♘xd4? 12.♖fd1 c5 13.♘xd4 cxd4 (13...♗xd4 14.♕f4+-) 14.♕a3+-) 10.♘bd2 b5 11.b3=∞

**8.♕c1N**

8.♘fd2!? ♘d5 9.♘xc4 ♘xe3 10.♘xe3± Δe5 11.dxe5 ♗xe5 12.♘c3 O-O (12...♕xd1 13.♖fxd1 O-O 14.♖ac1 ♗e6 15.♗xc6 bxc6 16.b3±) 13.♕a4↑

**8...b5 9.b3 ♗b7**

9...O-O!? 10.bxc4 bxc4 11.♕xc4 (11.♘bd2 ♘a5 12.♘xc4 ♘xc4 13.♕xc4 ♗b7= (13...♖b4!? 14.♕d3 ♗b7=)) 11...♘b4=

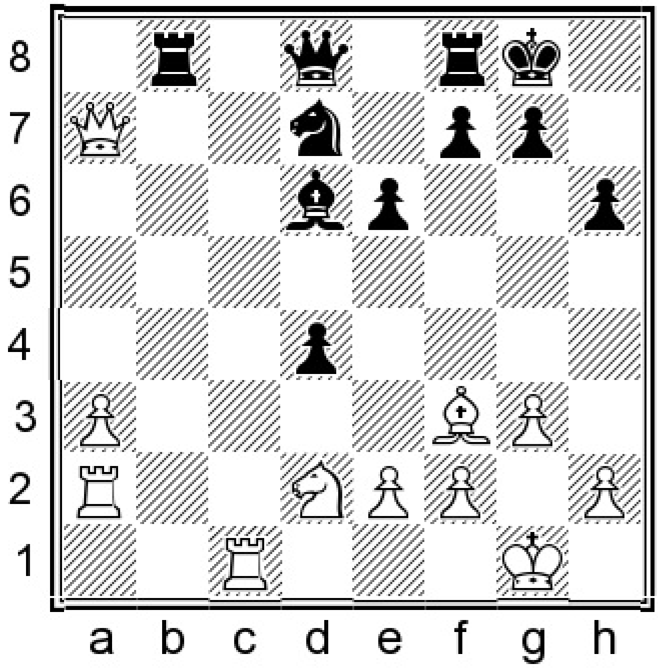
**10.bxc4 bxc4 11.♕xc4 ♘b4 12.a3 ♘bd5 13.♗g5 O-O 14.♘bd2 h6 15.♗xf6 ♘xf6 16.♖fc1 ♘d7 17.♕a4 c5!= 18.♕xa7 ♗xf3**

18...♗d5 19.♕a6 ♗e7=

**19.♗xf3**

19.♘xf3 ♖a8 20.♕b7 cxd4 21.♘xd4 ♖xa3=

**19...cxd4 20.♖a2**



**20...♕e7?**

20...♘e5! 21.♕xd4 ♗xa3!=

**21.a4! ♖fd8**

21...♖b4 22.a5 ♗b8 23.♕a6 ♘c5 24.♕c6 ♗a7 25.♘e4 ♘xe4 26.♗xe4+-

**22.♕xd4! ♖b4 23.♕c3 ♘b6 24.a5+- ♕a7**

24...♘d5 25.♗xd5 exd5 26.a6+- ♕xe2 27.a7 ♕e8 28.♕c6

**25.♕e3 ♗e7**

25...♗b8 26.a6+-

**26.♖cc2 ♗g5 27.♕c5 ♗e7 28.axb6 ♕xa2 29.♕xe7 ♕xc2 30.♕xd8+ ♔h7 31.b7 1-0**

**168. E05**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2855) - Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2782)**
**Dubai (m/6) 151/168, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.g3 e6 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O 6.b3!?**

6.c4 - 150/(167)

**6...c5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 8.c4 dxc4 9.♕c2!? ♕e7N**

9...♘c6

**10.♘bd2**

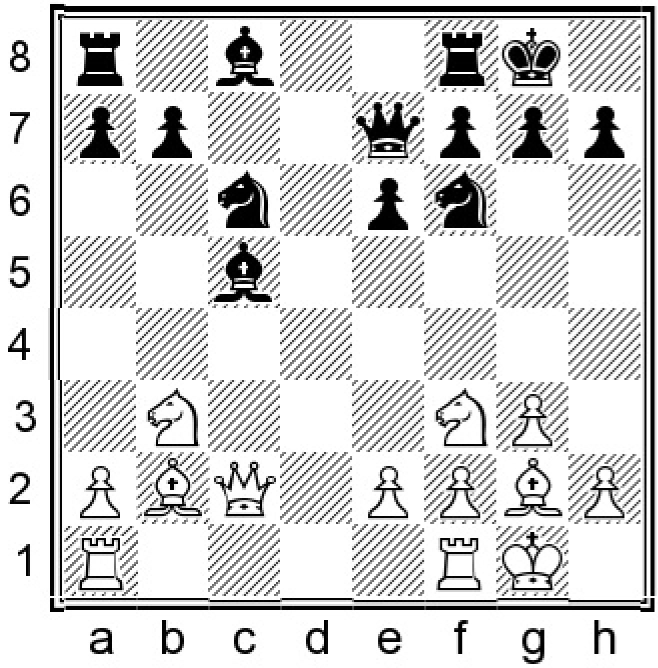
10.♕xc4 b6! Δ Bb7= (10...♗d7 11.♗b2 ♖c8 12.♕f4 ♘c6 13.a3 a5 14.♘bd2 ♘d5= Gormally,Daniel)

**10...♘c6!?**

10...cxb3 11.♘xb3 ♗d6 (11...♗b6? 12.a4 ♕c7 (12...♗c7 13.♘fd4±) 13.♕xc7 ♗xc7 14.♗a3 ♖e8 15.♘fd4±) 12.♘fd4=∞; RR10...b5!? 11.♘g5! ♗b7 12.♗b2 e5∞ Gormally,Daniel

**11.♘xc4**

11.♗b2 cxb3 12.♘xb3



12...♗a3! Gormally,Daniel

**11...b5 12.♘ce5 ♘b4 13.♕b2 ♗b7 14.a3**

14.♗g5 h6 15.♗h4 (15.♗xf6 ♕xf6 16.a3 (16.♖ac1 ♖fc8 17.♕d2 ♕e7 18.♘xf7!? ♕xf7 19.♘e5 ♕e7 20.♘g6 ♕f7 21.♘e5=) 16...♘d5) 15...g5 16.a3! (16.♘xg5 ♗xg2 (16...hxg5? 17.♗xg5 ♗xg2 18.♘g4 ♘xg4 19.♗xe7 ♗xe7 20.♔xg2+-) 17.♘h7 ♔xh7 18.♘g4 ♘bd5 19.♕c1 (19.♔xg2? ♕b7!-+)) 16...♗xf3 17.♗xf3 ♘bd5 18.♗xg5 hxg5 19.e4 ♘xe4! 20.♗xe4 ♕f6=

**14...♘c6!**

14...♘bd5 15.♘d3 ♗b6 16.♘fe5∞

**15.♘d3 ♗b6 16.♗g5 ♖fd8 17.♗xf6 gxf6**

RR17...♕xf6 18.♕xf6 gxf6 19.♖ac1 (19.♘d2? ♘d4 20.♗xb7 ♘xe2+ 21.♔g2 ♖ab8∓; 19.♖fc1 ♖ac8 20.b4 ♔f8 21.♘c5 ♗a8∞) 19...♖ac8= Gormally,Daniel

**18.♖ac1 ♘d4**

18...e5!?

**19.♘xd4 ♗xd4 20.♕a2 ♗xg2 21.♔xg2 ♕b7+ 22.♔g1 ♕e4! 23.♕c2! a5**

RR23...♖ac8 24.♕d2 (24.♕xc8 ♖xc8 25.♖xc8+ ♔g7 26.♘f4 e5 27.e3 exf4 28.exd4 ♕xd4=) 24...♗b6 25.♖xc8 ♖xc8 26.♖c1 ♖xc1+ 27.♘xc1 (27.♕xc1? ♕xe2-+) 27...♕d4 28.♕xd4 ♗xd4 29.♘d3=
Gormally,Daniel

**24.♖fd1 ♔g7 25.♖d2 ♖ac8**

25...b4!?

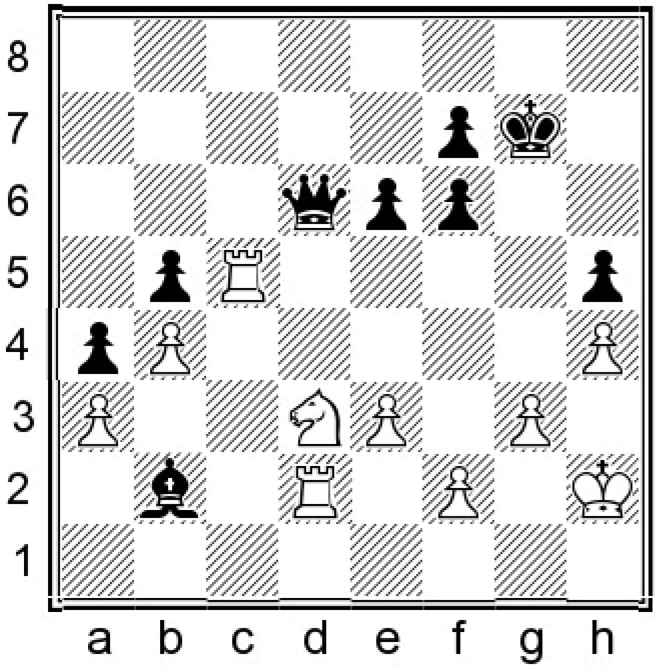
**26.♕xc8 ♖xc8 27.♖xc8 ♕d5 28.b4 a4 29.e3 ♗e5 30.h4 h5**

30...♗b2!=

**31.♔h2! ♗b2?**

RR31...♕b3! 32.♘xe5 (32.♘c5 ♕xa3 33.♖dd8 (33.♖d7 ♕xb4 34.♘xe6+ ♔g6 35.♖g8+=) 33...f5! 34.♖d7 ♕a2 35.♘d3 ♗f6 36.♔g2=) 32...fxe5 33.♖d7 ♕xa3 34.♖cc7 ♔g6 35.♖xf7 ♕b2 36.e4 ♕e2!= (36...a3 37.♖f3 a2 38.♖cf7+-)

**32.♖c5± ♕d6?**



32...♕d7 33.♖cc2 ♗xa3 34.♖a2! (34.♘f4? ♕b7 35.♖d8 ♕f3=) 34...e5! 35.e4 (35.♖xa3 e4 36.♖c3 exd3 37.♖cxd3= (37.♖dxd3 ♕f5 38.♔g1 ♔g6∓))

**33.♖d1?**

33.♖xh5? ♗xa3 34.♖xb5 ♕d7! 35.♖b6 (35.♖c5 ♗xb4-+) 35...e5 36.♖d1 ♕c7 37.♖a6 ♕c2-+; 33.♖cc2! ♗xa3 34.♘f4! ♕f8 (34...♕e7 35.♖c8+-) 35.♖c7 ♔g8 (35...♗xb4 36.♘xe6++-; 35...♕xb4 36.♖dd7 ♕b1 (36...♕f8 37.♘xe6++-) 37.♖xf7+ ♔g8 38.♖g7+ ♔f8 39.♘xe6+ ♔e8 40.♖c8#) 36.♖dc2! (36.♖dd7? ♗xb4 37.♘xh5 f5 38.♘f6+ ♔g7 39.♘h5+ ♔g8= (39...♔g6? 40.♘f4+ ♔f6 41.♘h3 a3 42.♘g5 ♔g6 (42...a2 43.♘h7++-) 43.♖xf7 ♕g8 44.♖fd7 a2 45.♖a7 e5 46.♖a6+ ♔h5 47.♖h7+ ♔g4

48.f3#)) 36...♕xb4 37.♖c8+ ♔g7 38.♘xh5+ ♔h7 39.♖2c7 ♔g6 40.♘f4+ ♔g7 41.♘xe6+ ♔g6 42.♖g8+ ♔f5 43.♘d4+ ♔e5 44.♖e8+ ♔d6 45.♖ee7 ♔d5 (45...♕e1 46.♘xb5++-; 45...♕b2 46.♘f5+ ♔d5 47.e4#; 45...f5 46.♖ed7+ ♔e5 47.♘c6++-) 46.♖ed7+ ♔e4 47.f3++-

**33...♗xa3∓ 34.♖xb5 ♕d7 35.♖c5 e5**

35...♗xb4 36.♖cc1 ♗e7∓

**36.♖c2**

36.e4!∓

**36...♕d5?**

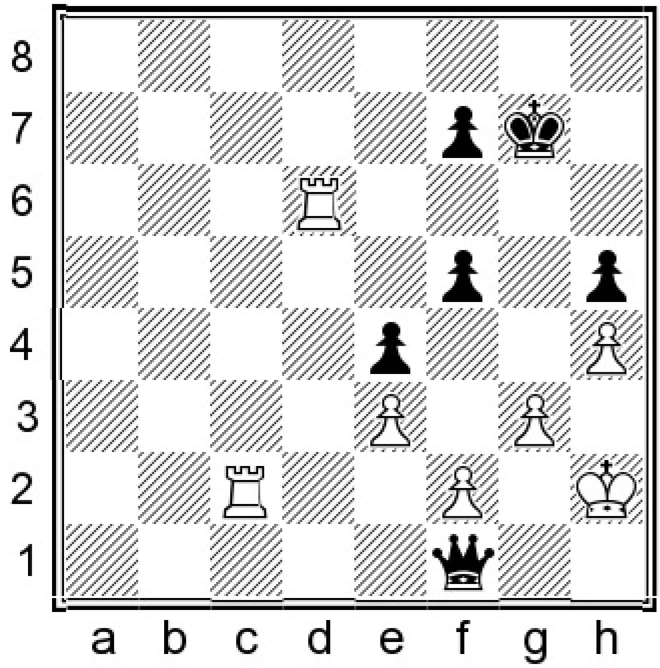
36...♗xb4∓

**37.♖dd2∞ ♕b3 38.♖a2 e4?**

38...f5!?∞; 38...♗xb4 39.♖db2 ♕xd3 40.♖xb4±

**39.♘c5!+- ♕xb4 40.♘xe4?⊕**

40.♖dc2! f5 41.♘xa4 ♕xa4 42.♖c3+- ♔f6 43.♖cxa3 ♕d1 44.♖a5 ♔g6 45.♖b5 ♕f1 (45...♕f3 46.♖d2 ♔f6 47.♖a5 ♔g6 48.♖d6+ ♔g7 49.♔g1 ♕g4 50.♖e5 ♕f3 51.♖d7+-) 46.♖d5 ♔f6 47.♖ad2 ♔g6 48.♖d8 ♔f6 49.♖8d6+ ♔g7 50.♖c2



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(57.♖xh5 e3=) 57...e3 58.fxe3 ♕xe3 59.♖c2 ♕f3=) 55...♔h6 56.♖cc8 ♔g6 57.♖g8+ ♔h6 58.♖h8+ ♔g7 59.♖cd8 ♔g6 (59...♕a2 60.♖xh5+-) 60.♖dg8+ ♔f7 61.♖a8 ♔g6 62.♖hc8 ♔h6 63.♖f8 ♔g6 64.♖h8 ♕b3 65.♖ag8+ ♔f7 66.♖b8 ♕a2 67.♖xh5 (67.♖b7+!?) 67...f4!? (67...♔g6 68.♖bh8 ♕e2 69.♖8h6+ ♔g7 70.♖h7+ ♔g8 71.♖h8+ ♔f7 (71...♔g7 72.♖5h7+ ♔g6 73.h5+ ♔g5 74.♖g8#) 72.♖xf5+-) 68.gxf4 ♕e2 69.♖h7+ ♔g6 70.♖bb7 ♕g4+ 71.♔h2 ♕e2 72.♖hg7+ ♔f5 73.♖g2+-

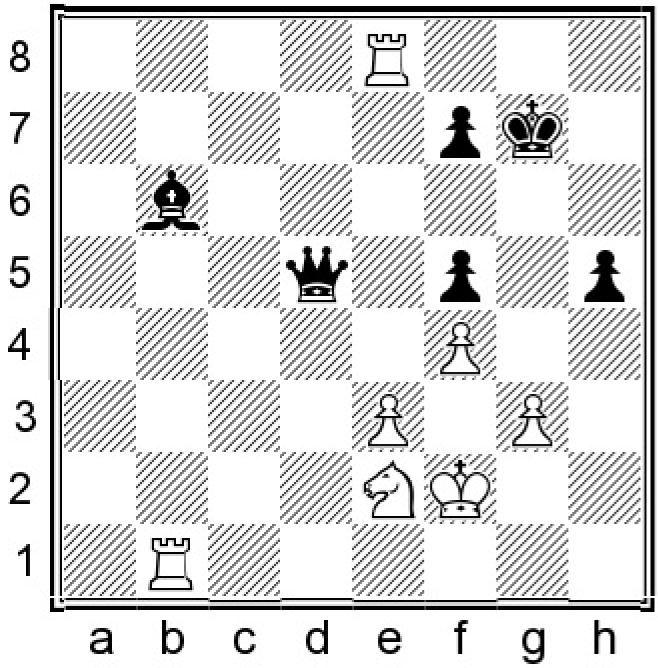
**40...♕b3= 41.♖ac2 ♗f8 42.♘c5 ♕b5 43.♘d3 a3 44.♘f4 ♕a5 45.♖a2 ♗b4 46.♖d3 ♔h6 47.♖d1 ♕a4 48.♖da1 ♗d6 49.♔g1 ♕b3 50.♘e2 ♕d3 51.♘d4 ♔h7 52.♔h2 ♕e4?!**

52...♗b4! 53.♔g1 (53.♘c2?! ♗c3 54.♘e1 ♕f1! 55.♖xa3 ♗xe1! (55...♗xa1 56.♖xa1=) 56.♖3a2 ♕c4! (56...♔g6? 57.♖c1 ♔g7 58.♖b2! (58.♖ca1? ♕c4∓) 58...♔g6 59.♖a1 ♔f5 60.♖c1 ♔e4 61.♖b4+ (61.♖a1?? ♔f3-+) 61...♔f3!? (61...♔f5 62.♖b2=) 62.♖f4+ ♔e2 63.♖xf6 ♔d2 64.♖a1 ♕d3 65.♖a2+ ♔c1 66.♖xf7 ♕c4 67.♖a1+ ♔b2 68.♖fa7 ♗xf2 69.♖7a2+ ♕xa2 (69...♔b3 70.♖xf2+-) 70.♖xa2+ ♔xa2=) 57.♖b2 ♕c3! (57...♗b4 58.♖a4+-; 57...♗c3 58.♖c1 ♕d3 59.♖b3 ♕e2=) 58.♖aa2 f5 59.♖c2 ♕d3 60.♖cb2 ♕e4 61.♖c2 ♕f3 62.♖cb2 ♗c3 63.♖c2 ♗e5 64.♖d2 ♕g4 65.♔g2∓) 53...♗d6 54.♘c2 ♕b3! 55.♔g2 (55.♘xa3? ♗e5∓) 55...♔g6=

**53.♖xa3!± ♕xh4+ 54.♔g1 ♕e4**

54...♗xg3? 55.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 56.♔f1 ♕h3+ 57.♔e2 ♕g2+ 58.♔d3 h4 59.♖3a2 ♕g6+ 60.♔c4 h3 61.♖h1+-; RR54...♕h3?! 55.♖a4 h4 56.♘f3! ♗xg3! 57.♖f1 ♕d7! 58.♖d4 ♗d6 59.♖xh4+ ♔g7±; 54...♕g4! 55.♖a4 ♗e5 56.♘c6 ♗xa1 57.♖xg4 hxg4= Gormally,Daniel

**55.♖a4 ♗e5 56.♘e2 ♕c2 57.♖1a2 ♕b3 58.♔g2 ♕d5+ 59.f3 ♕d1 60.f4 ♗c7 61.♔f2 ♗b6 62.♖a1 ♕b3 63.♖e4 ♔g7 64.♖e8 f5 65.♖aa8 ♕b4 66.♖ac8 ♗a5 67.♖c1 ♗b6 68.♖e5 ♕b3 69.♖e8 ♕d5 70.♖cc8 ♕h1 71.♖c1 ♕d5 72.♖b1**



**72...♗a7?!**

72...h4! 73.♖xb6 (73.gxh4 ♗d8=) 73...h3 74.♘d4!? (74.♖bb8 h2 75.♖g8+ ♔f6 76.♖b6+ ♔e7 77.♖h8 h1=♕=) 74...h2 75.♖h6 ♔xh6 76.♖h8+ ♔g7 77.♖xh2=

**73.♖e7 ♗c5 74.♖e5 ♕d3 75.♖b7 ♕c2 76.♖b5 ♗a7 77.♖a5 ♗b6 78.♖ab5 ♗a7 79.♖xf5 ♕d3 80.♖xf7+! ♔xf7 81.♖b7+ ♔g6 82.♖xa7 ♕d5 83.♖a6+**

83.♘d4! ♕h1 84.♖a6+ ♔f7 85.♘f3±

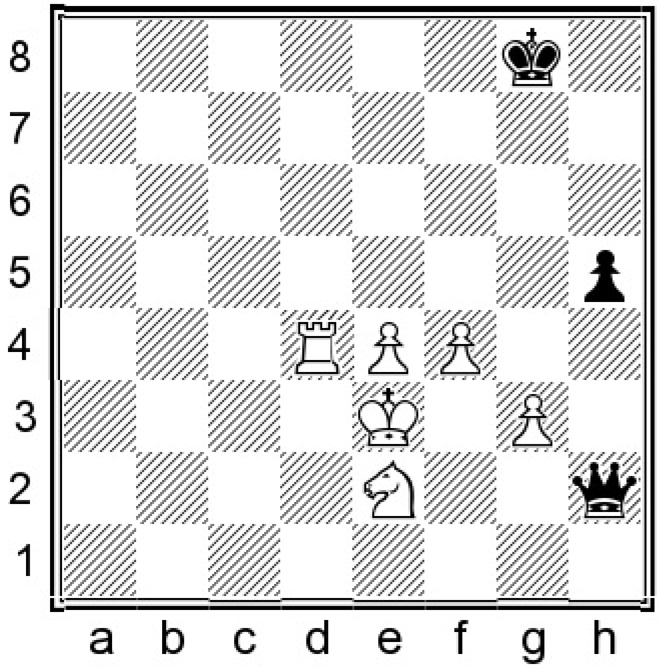
**83...♔h7**

83...♔f5! 84.♘d4+ ♔g4 85.♖g6+ ♔h3 86.♖g5 ♕g2+ 87.♔e1 ♕h1+ 88.♔d2 ♔g2! 89.♔d3 ♔f2!=

**84.♖a1 ♔g6 85.♘d4! ♕b7 86.♖a2 ♕h1 87.♖a6+ ♔f7 88.♘f3 ♕b1 89.♖d6 ♔g7 90.♖d5 ♕a2+ 91.♖d2 ♕b1 92.♖e2 ♕b6 93.♖c2 ♕b1 94.♘d4 ♕h1 95.♖c7+ ♔f6 96.♖c6+ ♔f7 97.♘f3 ♕b1 98.♘g5+ ♔g7**

98...♔e7!=

**99.♘e6+ ♔f7 100.♘d4 ♕h1 101.♖c7+ ♔f6 102.♘f3 ♕b1 103.♖d7 ♕b2+ 104.♖d2 ♕b1 105.♘g1! ♕b4 106.♖d1 ♕b3 107.♖d6+ ♔g7 108.♖d4 ♕b2+ 109.♘e2 ♕b1 110.e4!? ♕h1 111.♖d7+ ♔g8 112.♖d4 ♕h2+ 113.♔e3**



**113...h4?!**

RR113...♕h1 114.e5 ♕h3 115.♖d6 ♔g7 116.e6 ♔f8= Gormally,Daniel

**114.gxh4 ♕h3+ 115.♔d2 ♕xh4 116.♖d3**

116.♖d5 ♕f2

**116...♔f8 117.♖f3 ♕d8+ 118.♔e3 ♕a5**

118...♕b6+ 119.♘d4 ♕b2 120.e5 ♕c3+ 121.♔e4 ♕e1+±

**119.♔f2 ♕a7+ 120.♖e3 ♕d7 121.♘g3 ♕d2+ 122.♔f3 ♕d1+ 123.♖e2 ♕b3+ 124.♔g2 ♕b7?**

124...♕d3! 125.e5 ♕b1 126.f5 ♕b6 127.e6 ♔e7! 128.♘h5 ♕b5! 129.♖f2 ♕e5 130.♘g3 (130.♖f4 ♕e2+; 130.♔h3 ♕e3+ 131.♔g2) 130...♕d5+ 131.♔h3 ♕d3 132.♔g4 ♕d4+ 133.♖f4 ♕g7+ 134.♔h4 ♕f6+ 135.♔g4 ♕g7+ 136.♔f3 ♕c3+

**125.♖d2!±**

125.♔f2? ♕b6+ 126.♖e3 ♕d6 127.e5 ♕d1 128.f5 ♕d4 129.♔f3 ♔e7 130.♘e2 ♕d5+ 131.♖e4 ♕d3+ 132.♔f4 ♕h3 133.♘g3 ♕h8±

**125...♕b3 126.♖d5 ♔e7 127.♖e5+ ♔f7 128.♖f5+ ♔e8 129.e5 ♕a2+ 130.♔h3 ♕e6?**

130...♕c2

**131.♔h4!+- ♕h6+**

131...♕a2

**132.♘h5 ♕h7 133.e6 ♕g6 134.♖f7 ♔d8**

134...♕xe6 135.♘g7+ ♔xf7 136.♘xe6 ♔xe6 137.♔g5 (137.♔g4? ♔f6 138.♔h4 ♔f5 139.♔g3 ♔g6 140.♔g4 ♔f6=) 137...♔e7 138.♔g6 ♔e8 (138...♔f8 139.♔f6+-) 139.♔g7+-

**135.f5 ♕g1 136.♘g7 1-0**

**169. *** E05**
**Carlsen, Magnus (2865) - Giri, Anish (2772)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/169, 2022**

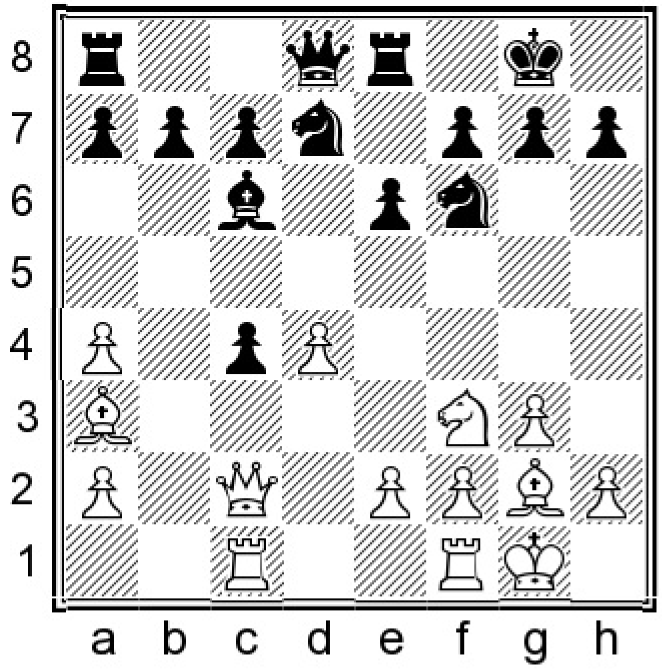
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♘a3!? ♗xa3 8.bxa3 ♗d7 9.a4!?**

9.♘e5 - 100/(380); 9.♕c2!? ♗c6 10.♕xc4 ♗d5 11.♕c2 ♗e4 12.♕b2N (12.♕d1) 12...♘bd7 13.♗f4 ♖c8 14.♖ac1 ♖e8 (14...h6=) 15.♖fd1 ♘d5 16.♗g5 f6 17.♗d2 c5 18.dxc5 ♘xc5 19.♘e1? (19.♗b4 ♘a6 20.♗h3↑) 19...♗xg2 20.♘xg2 ♕b6 21.♕xb6 ♘xb6 22.♗e3 ♘ca4∓ Le,Q (2709) -So,W (2772) chess24.com (Int.-m/2-blitz) 151/(169) 2021

**9...♗c6 10.♗a3 ♖e8 11.♕c2 ♘bd7**

11...♗d5 12.♖fe1 ♘bd7 13.e4 ♗c6 14.♗f1± (14.♘d2±)

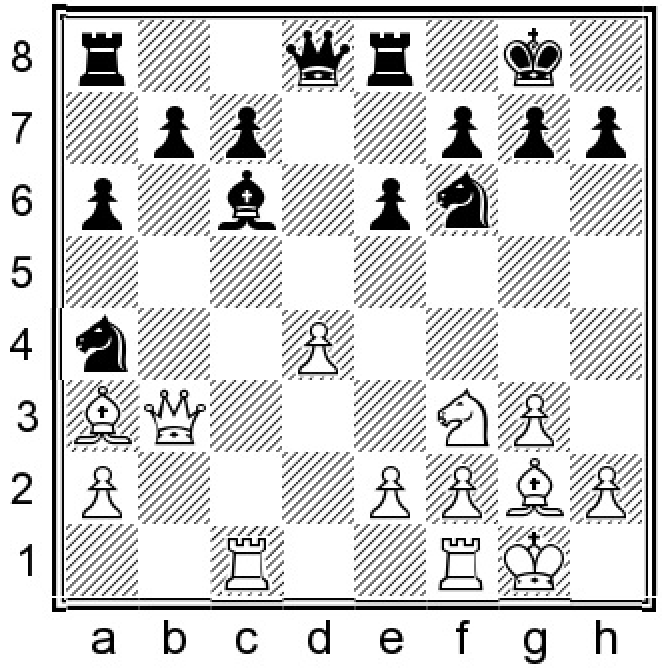
**12.♖ac1**



**12...a6N** - 151/(169)

12...a5 - 151/(169) 13.♕xc4 ♘b6 14.♕d3N (14.♕c3) 14...♗e4 (14...♗xa4 15.e4 c6 16.♖fe1=∞) 15.♕b3 ♗d5 16.♕c2 ♘c4 17.♗b2 ♖a6∞ Wagner,D (2584)-Bluebaum,M (2642) chess.com (Int. -blitz) 151/(169) 2022; 12...♗d5!?N 13.♖fe1 ♖c8 14.e4 ♗c6 15.♘d2 c3 16.♘b1 ♘b6 17.a5 ♘a4 18.♘xc3 ♕xd4 19.♘xa4?! (19.♘e2) 19...♕xa4 20.♕xa4 ♗xa4 21.♗b2 b6∓ Carlsen,M (2865) - Nepomniachtchi,I (2773) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 151/(169) 2022

**13.♕xc4 ♘b6 14.♕c3 ♘xa4 15.♕b3**



**15...♕d5!**

15...♘b6!? 16.♖xc6! bxc6 17.♘e5 ♕xd4 18.♘xc6 ♕d2 19.♗f3=∞

**16.♖xc6! ♕xc6 17.♘e5 ♕b5 18.♕c2 ♘d5?**

18...♘b6! 19.♗xb7 ♘c4! 20.♗xa8 ♘xa3 21.♕c6 ♕xe2 22.♗b7 ♕xa2 23.♗xa6 (23.♘g4 ♖f8 24.♘xf6+ gxf6=) 23...♕c2 24.♖a1 ♕xc6 25.♘xc6 ♘c2 26.♖c1 ♖a8! 27.♗d3 ♘a1 28.♗c4 ♔f8=

**19.♖b1 ♕a5 20.♗xd5!**

20.♘c4?? ♕c3 21.♕xa4 b5-+; 20.♗e4

**20...exd5**

20...♕xd5 21.♕xa4

**21.♖xb7+- c5**

21...♕e1+ 22.♔g2 ♘c3 23.♘f3! ♕xe2 24.♕xc3 ♖ac8 25.♕c6+-; 21...♘c3 22.♗b4+-; 21...♖ac8 22.♗b4+-

**22.♕f5 ♖f8 23.♘xf7 ♕d8 24.dxc5 ♕f6**

24...♕c8 25.♕xd5

**25.♕xf6 gxf6 26.♘h6+ ♔h8 27.c6 ♖fc8 28.c7 ♘c3 29.♗b2 d4 30.♘f7+ ♔g7 31.♘d6 ♔g6**

31...♘xe2+ 32.♔f1 ♘c3 33.♗xc3 dxc3 34.♔e2

**32.♔f1 ♘b5 33.♘xc8 ♖xc8 34.a4 ♘xc7 35.♗xd4 ♘e6 36.♗e3 1-0**

**170. E05**
**Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704) - Oparin, Grigoriy (2681)**
**Berlin 151/170, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.♘f3 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 b5 8.a4 ♗b7**

8...b4 - 141/164

**9.axb5 a6 10.♘c3 axb5 11.♖xa8 ♗xa8 12.♘xb5 ♗d5 13.♖d1 c5N**

13...♘c6

**14.dxc5**

14.♘c3!? ♘a6 (14...♘c6?! 15.e4 ♘b4 16.♕e2 ♗b7 17.dxc5 ♘d3 18.♘e1 ♗xc5 19.♘xd3 cxd3 20.♖xd3 ♕a8 21.♖d1 ♖c8 22.♗g5±) 15.e4 ♗b7 16.♕e2 cxd4 17.♘xd4±

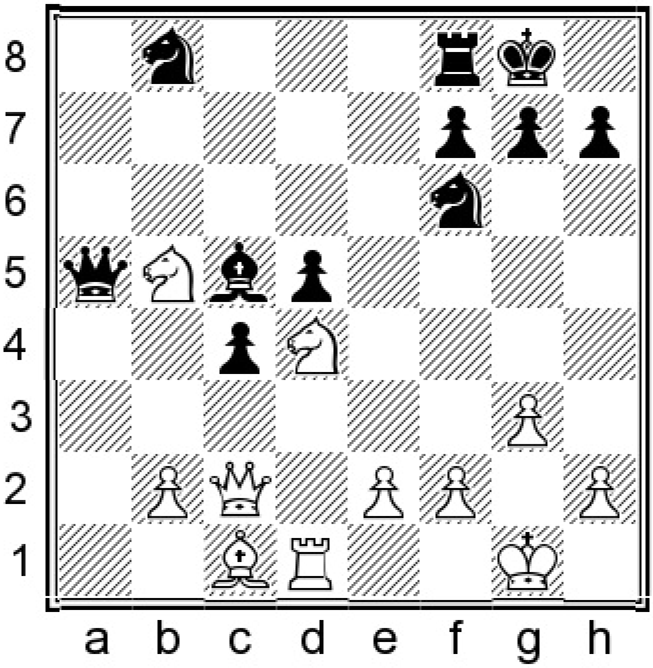
**14...♕a5**

14...♗xc5 15.♘c3 ♘c6 16.♗g5 ♘b4 17.♕c1 h6 18.♗e3 ♗xe3 19.♕xe3 ♕c7∞ 20.♘e5 ♗xg2 21.♔xg2 ♖c8=

**15.♘fd4 ♗xc5 16.♗xd5**

16.e4 ♗b7 17.♕xc4 ♖c8 18.e5 ♘d5 19.♕b3 ♕b6∞

**16...exd5**



**17.b3!± ♖c8 18.bxc4 ♗xd4 19.♘xd4 ♖xc4 20.♕b1**

20.♕b2!? ♘bd7 21.♗e3 h6 22.♘f5→

**20...♘bd7 21.♗b2 ♕b4 22.♘f5→ h5 23.♘e3 ♖e4 24.♕a1 h4 25.♗d4 h3 26.f3 ♖e8 27.♔f2± ♕e7 28.♕c3 ♕e6 29.♖c1 ♕e7 30.♖c2 ♖b8 31.♕a1 ♖e8 32.♕c3 ♕d6 33.♕d3 ♕b4 34.♕d2 ♕b1 35.♖c1 ♕g6 36.♕c2!+- ♕h6**

36...♕xc2 37.♖xc2 ♖a8 38.g4

**37.♕f5 ♘f8 38.♖c2 ♘6d7 39.♕xd5 ♕g6 40.♖c1**

40.♖c6 ♕b1 41.♕g5 ♘g6 42.♕f5 ♕xf5 43.♘xf5

**40...♕a6 41.♖a1 ♕g6 42.♖d1 ♕a6 43.♕f5 ♕a4 44.♕g4 f6 45.♖a1 ♕b5 46.♖a7 ♘e6 47.♘f5 ♘g5 48.♗e3 1-0**

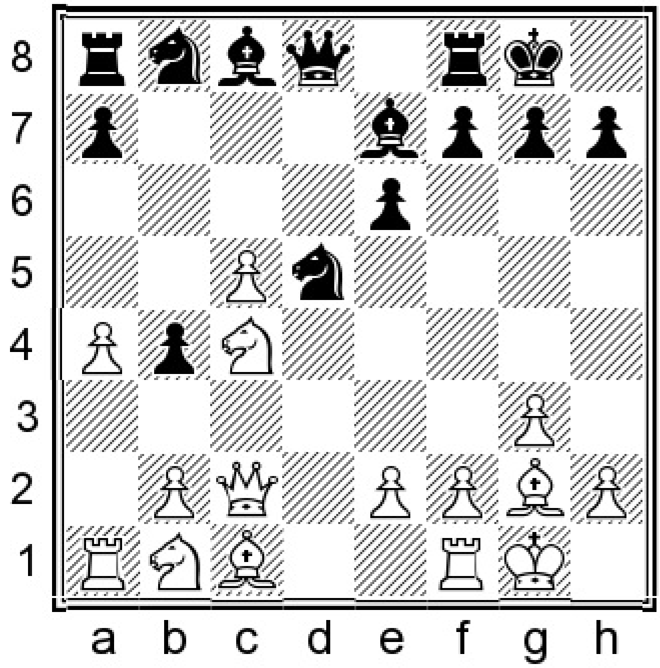
**171. * E05**
**Shengelia, David (2513) - Nisipeanu, Liviu Dieter (2651)**
**Oesterreich 151/171, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 b5!? 8.a4 b4 9.♘fd2 ♘d5 10.♘xc4 c5**

10...♗b7?! 11.♘bd2 c5 12.dxc5 ♗xc5 (12...♘a6 13.e4 ♘f6 14.e5 ♗xg2 15.exf6±) 13.♘b3 ♗e7 (13...♕e7 14.e4 ♘f6 15.♗g5 ♖c8 16.♕d1+-) 14.♘ba5 ♗a6 15.♗f4 g5 (15...♘d7 16.♘c6+-) 16.♗e3 ♗xc4 17.♘xc4 ♘c6 18.♖fd1±; 10...♗a6 11.♖d1! (11.b3 ♘d7 12.♗b2 c5 13.e4 ♘5b6! 14.d5 exd5

15.exd5 ♗xc4 16.bxc4 ♗f6 17.♗xf6 ♕xf6 18.♘d2 a5∞) 11...c5 (11...♘d7 12.e4 ♘5f6 13.♘bd2 ♖c8 14.b3±) 12.e4 ♘f6 13.d5 (13.dxc5 ♘bd7 14.♗e3 ♕c7=) 13...♗xc4 14.♕xc4 ♘c6 15.♘d2 exd5 16.exd5 ♘d4 17.♘f3 ♘xf3+ 18.♗xf3 ♗d6 19.♗e3 ♘d7 20.♕a6!? ♕f6 (20...♕c7? 21.♗f4! ♗xf4 22.d6!+-; 20...♕b6 21.♗e2±) 21.♗g2 ♘e5 22.♗g5! ♕g6 23.♖ac1 h6 24.♗f4 ♕f6 25.b3±

**11.dxc5**

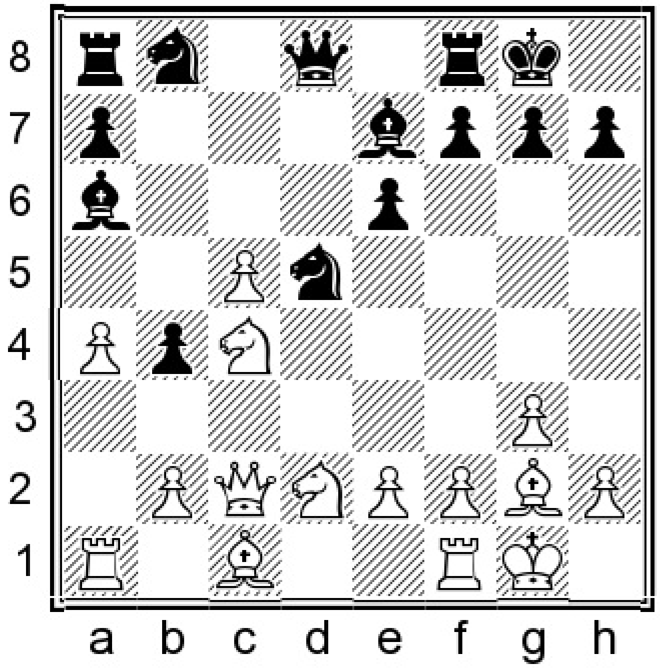


**11...♗a6!**

11...♘a6 12.e4 ♘f6 13.♖d1 ♕c7 14.♗f4!± ♕xc5 15.♘bd2 ♗b7 (15...♗d7 16.♘b3± Δ♕c8 17.♕e2 ♘c5 18.♘xc5 ♕xc5 19.b3 ♖fd8 20.♖ac1+-) 16.♘b3 ♕h5 17.♗d6 ♖fe8 18.♘ba5! ♗xd6 19.♘xd6 ♕xa5 20.♘xb7 ♕c7 21.♕xc7 ♘xc7 22.♖ac1 ♖e7 23.♘a5+-; 11...♗xc5 12.e4 (12.♘e3 ♗xe3 13.♗xe3 ♗a6 14.♘d2 ♗xe2 15.♖fe1 ♗a6 16.♖ad1 ♘d7∞) 12...♘b6 13.♘cd2! (13.♘bd2 ♗a6) 13...♘a6 14.♘b3 ♕c7 15.♖d1± Δ♗b7 16.a5 ♘d7 17.♗f4 e5 18.♗e3 ♖fd8 19.♘xc5 ♘dxc5 20.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 21.♘d2 ♘e6 22.♘b3±

**12.♘e3**

12.♘bd2



12...♗xc5! (12...♘d7 13.c6 ♘c5 14.♘b3 ♖c8 (14...♘xb3 15.♕xb3 ♖c8 16.♘e3 Δ♖xc6 17.♘xd5 exd5 18.♗xd5 ♖d6 19.♗f3 ♗c8 20.a5 ♗e6 21.♕a4⩲) 15.♘e5 ♘xb3 16.♕xb3 ♕d6 17.♗f4 ♘xf4 18.gxf4 ♗xe2 19.♖fe1 ♗h5 20.♕e3! ♕c7 21.♘d7 ♖fd8 22.♖ac1⩲) 13.♘b3 ♘d7 14.♘xc5 (14.e4 ♘5b6 15.♖d1 ♖c8 16.♘ca5 ♕e7) 14...♘xc5 15.♘e3 ♖c8 16.♘xd5 exd5 17.♗h3 ♘e6! 18.♕d1 ♕f6↑; 12.b3 ♘c6 (12...♘d7 13.c6 ♘c5 14.♖d1 ♕c7 15.♘e3⩲) 13.♖d1 ♗xc5 14.♗b2 ♕e7 15.e3 ♖fd8=

**12...♘d7! 13.♘xd5 exd5 14.c6**

14.♘d2 ♘xc5 15.♘f3 d4 16.♘e5 ♖c8⩱; 14.♗e3 ♖c8 15.♗h3 ♖c7 16.♘d2 ♘xc5 17.♘f3 b3 18.♕d1 ♗f6 19.♗d4 ♘e4 20.♖a3 ♖c2⇄

**14...♖c8 15.♗xd5**

15.♗f4 ♘c5 16.♖d1 (16.c7 ♕d7 17.♖d1 (17.♘d2 g5!? 18.♗e5 f6 19.♗d4 ♖xc7⇄ - 141/164) 17...d4 18.♗f3 g5!? (18...♘e6 19.♕f5 d3 20.e3 g6 21.♕a5 ♘xf4 22.♕xa6 ♘e6 23.♕xd3 ♕xd3 24.♖xd3 ♘c5⇄) 19.♗xg5 ♖xc7 20.♗xe7 ♕xe7 21.♕f5 (21.♖xd4?! ♘d3⩱) 21...♗c8 22.♕f4 ♘b3 23.♘d2 ♘xa1 24.♖xa1 ♖d8∞ - 141/(164)) 16...d4 17.h4!? (17.♘d2 ♗xe2 18.♖e1 d3 19.♕c4 ♘e6 20.♗e3 a5∞; 17.♗f3 ♘e6 18.♗e5 d3 19.exd3 ♗d6 20.d4 ♗xe5 21.dxe5 ♘d4 22.♕e4 ♘xf3+ 23.♕xf3 ♕g5=∞) 17...h6!? (17...♖e8 18.♘d2 ♗xe2 (18...d3 19.exd3 ♗xd3 20.♕c1 ♗f8 21.♖e1 ♕f6 22.♖xe8 ♖xe8 23.♗e3⩲) 19.c7 ♕d7 20.♖dc1⩲) 18.♗f3 ♖e8 19.♘d2 d3 (19...♗f8) 20.exd3 ♗xd3 21.♕c1 ♗f8=∞ 22.♖e1 ♕f6 23.♖xe8 ♖xe8 24.c7 (24.♗e3 ♖xe3 25.fxe3 ♘b3! 26.c7 ♘xc1 27.c8=♕ ♘e2+ 28.♗xe2 ♗xe2=) 24...♖c8 25.♕e1 ♗d6! 26.♗xd6 ♕xd6 27.♖c1 ♖xc7 28.♕e8+ ♔h7N 29.♕e3 ♗f5= Firouzja,A (2804)-Nihal,S (2662) Warszawa (rapid) 151/(171) 2021

**15...♘e5⇄ 16.♖d1 ♘xc6 17.♕e4**

17.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 18.♖xd8+ ♗xd8!=∞ (18...♘xd8? 19.♕d1 ♗xe2 20.♕e1! ♗c5 21.♗f4 ♗g4 22.♘d2) 19.♗e3 ♘d4 20.♕d1 ♘xe2+ 21.♔g2 ♗b7+ 22.♔f1 ♗a6=

**17...♗f6**

17...♕e8 18.♘d2 ♗f6 19.♕xe8 (19.e3 ♘e5! 20.♕xb4?! ♗e2 21.♕b3 ♕d7∓) 19...♖fxe8 20.♘e4 ♗xe2=; 17...♔h8!? 18.♗f4 (18.♗e3 f5 19.♕g2 ♘e5 20.♗b3 ♕c7 21.♘d2 ♗xe2 22.♖e1 ♗a6 23.♗f4 ♗d6 24.♖ad1 ♖cd8∓) 18...♗f6 19.♘d2 ♘d4! 20.♘f3 ♘xe2+ 21.♔g2 ♘xf4+ 22.♕xf4 ♗xb2 23.♖ab1 ♗e2! 24.♘g5 ♗c1! 25.♕e4 ♗xg5 26.♕xe2 ♕b6∓

**18.♗e3**

18.e3? ♘e7 19.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 20.♖xd8 ♖xc1+ 21.♔g2 ♖xd8 22.♕xb4 ♗f1+ 23.♔f3 ♘c6-+

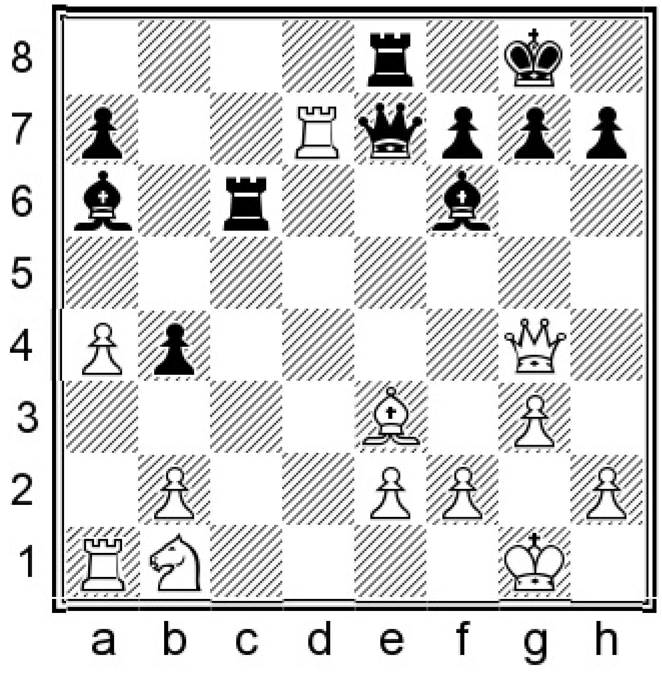
**18...♖e8↑ 19.♕g4N**

19.♕g2? ♕d7 20.♘d2 (20.♖a2 ♗xe2 21.♖d2 ♘d4-+) 20...♗xe2 21.♘e4 ♗xd1 22.♖xd1 ♘e5∓; 19.♕f5 g6 (19...♕e7 20.♘d2 ♗xb2 21.♘e4∞) 20.♕f4 (20.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 21.♖d7+ ♖e7 22.♕d5+ ♔g7 23.♖xd8 ♖xd8 24.♕c5 ♖d1+ 25.♔g2 ♘e5∓; 20.♕h3 ♔h8 21.♕f1 ♘d4! 22.♗xd4 ♗xe2 23.♕e1 ♗xd1 24.♕xd1 ♗xd4 25.♕xd4+ f6 26.♘c3 bxc3 27.bxc3 ♕e7 28.c4 ♕e5 29.♕d1 ♖b8∓) 20...♔g7 21.♗b3 ♕c7 22.♕xc7 ♖xc7∓

**19...♕e7 20.♗xc6**

20.♘d2 ♘e5 21.♕h3 ♗xe2 22.♖e1 ♗g4 23.♕f1 ♖ed8 24.♗e4 ♗e6 Δ Ng4∓

**20...♖xc6 21.♖d7**



**21...♕e6**

21...♕e5!∓ 22.♕xb4 ♖c1+! 23.♗xc1 ♕xe2 24.♘d2 ♕e1+ 25.♔g2 ♗f1+! 26.♘xf1 ♕xb4-+

**22.♕xe6 fxe6**

⌓22...♖cxe6 23.♖xa7 ♗xb2 24.♖a2 ♗e5 25.♘d2 ♗xe2 26.a5 ♗c3 27.♖d7 ♗b5 28.♖b7 ♗c6 29.♖b6

♗d5 30.♖c2 ♖xb6 31.axb6 f5∓

**23.♘d2 ♗xb2 24.♖b1 ♖c2 25.♗d4**

25.♗xa7 ♗xe2 26.a5 ♖a8 27.♗d4! ♖xd2 28.♖xg7+ ♔f8 29.♗xb2 ♖xb2 30.♖xb2 ♔xg7 31.♖xe2=

**25...♗xd4 26.♖xd4 ♖b8∓ 27.e4**

27.♔f1 e5 28.♖d7 ♗b7 29.♘b3 ♖c3∓

**27...e5 28.♖d6 ♗c4?!**

28...♗e2 29.a5 ♗h5

**29.♘xc4 ♖xc4 30.♖b3**

30.♖b2 b3 (30...♖c1+ 31.♔g2 ♖a1 32.♖d7 ♖xa4 33.♖c2 Δ Rcc7=) 31.♖d3 ♖xe4 32.♖dxb3 ♖xb3 33.♖xb3 ♖xa4 34.♖b7 e4 35.♔f1 a5 36.♔e2=

**30...♖c1+ 31.♔g2 ♖a1 32.♖d5?!**

32.♖d7 ♖xa4 33.♖e7 ♖a2 34.♖d3 ♖f8 35.♔h3! ♖axf2 36.♖xa7 ♖2f7 37.♖a5 ♖b8 38.♖b3 ♖e7 39.♔g4=

**32...♖a3! 33.♖f3**

33.♖dd3 ♖xa4 34.♖d7 ♖a6∓

**33...♖xa4 34.♖xe5**

34.♖d7 ♖f8! 35.♖b7 ♖xf3 36.♔xf3 a5 37.♔g4 ♖a2∓

**34...b3 35.♖e7 ♖a6!-+ 36.♖ff7 ♖g6 37.h4 b2 38.h5 ♖h6 39.♖xg7+ ♔h8 40.♖b7 ♖xb7 41.♖xb7 ♖b6 0-1**

**172. E06**
**Esipenko, Andrey (2714) - Grischuk, Alexander (2764)**
**Berlin 151/172, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.b3 dxc4**

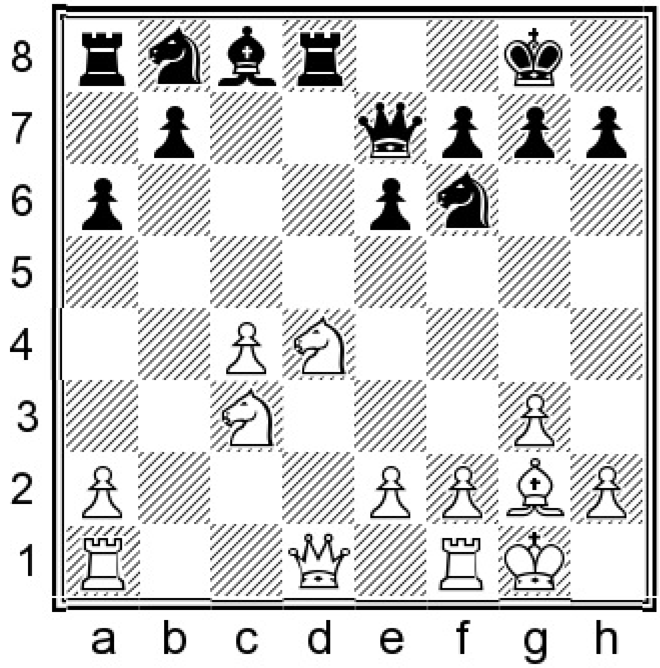
6...a5 - 149/ 173

**7.bxc4 c5 8.O-O cxd4 9.♘xd4 a6 10.♗a3**

10.♘c3

**10...♗xa3**

10...♕c7 11.♗xe7 ♕xe7 12.♘c3 ♖d8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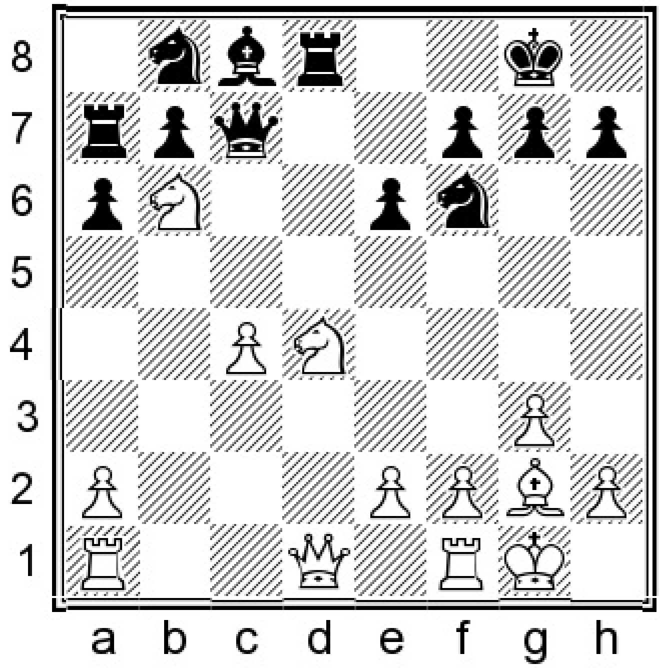
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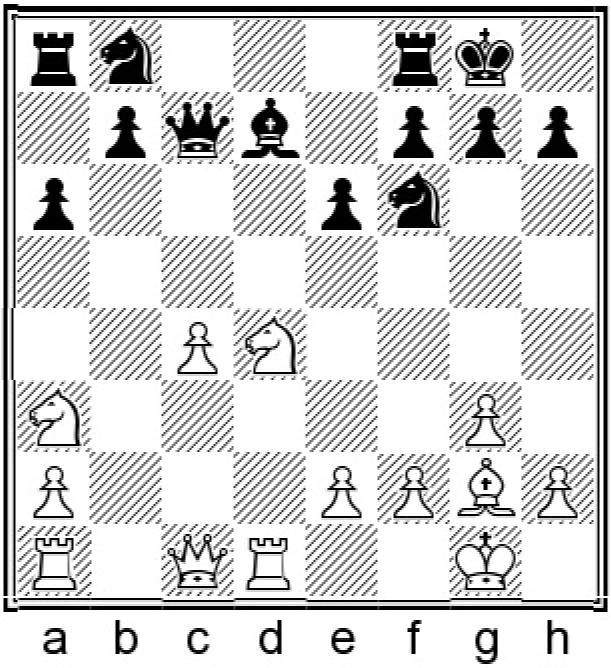
**11.♘xa3 ♕c7**

11...e5?! 12.♘b3 ♕c7 13.c5±; 11...♕e7!?

**12.♕c1N**

12.♘b3

**12...♗d7 13.♖d1**



**13...♗a4! 14.♖d2 ♘bd7 15.♖b1 ♘c5 16.♘b3 ♖ad8⇄ 17.♖xd8 ♖xd8 18.♕e3 ♘xb3**

18...♘fd7!? 19.♘c2 b6 20.♘b4 h6⇄

**19.axb3 ♗c6= 20.b4 h6 21.♗xc6 ♕xc6 22.f3 b5!?**

22...♕d6=

**23.cxb5**

23.c5 a5! 24.bxa5 ♘d5 25.♕f2 ♘c3 26.♖c1 b4∓

**23...axb5 24.♕c5 ♕a6 25.♖a1**

25.♖b3 ♕a4 26.♕c2 e5∓

**25...♖c8 26.♕d4**

26.♕xb5 ♕d6→

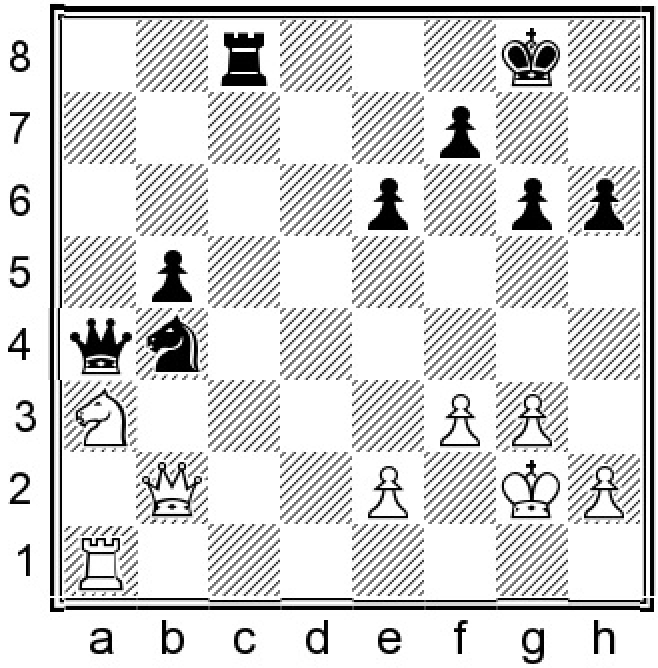
**26...♕a4 27.♕b2 ♘d5 28.♕b1**

28.♘c4? ♕xa1+! 29.♕xa1 bxc4-+

**28...♘xb4 29.♔g2 g6**

29...♖b8!? 30.♘c4 ♕c2∓ (30...♕xa1 31.♕xa1 bxc4 32.♕a7! ♖e8 33.♕d7 ♖f8 34.♕c7 ♘d5 35.♕c6 ♖d8 36.♔f2 ♘f6 37.♕xc4 e5 38.♕c6 ♖e8=)

**30.♕b2**



**30...♘c2?!**

30...♖b8! 31.♘c4 ♕c2!∓ (31...♕xa1? 32.♕xa1 bxc4 33.♕a7 ♖e8 34.♕d7 ♖f8 35.♕b5 ♘d5=)

**31.♘xc2 ♖xc2 32.♕f6= ♖xe2+ 33.♔h3 ♖a2 34.♖c1 ♖c2 35.♖a1 ♖a2 36.♖c1 ♖c2 37.♖a1 ♖a2 38.♖c1 1/2-1/2**

**173. * E08**
**Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2627) - Warmerdam, Max (2607)**
**Wijk aan Zee II 151/173, 2022**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O ♘bd7 8.a4**

8.♕c2 c6 9.♗f4 b6 10.♖d1 ♗b7 11.♘e5 ♘h5 12.♗d2 ♘hf6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.♘c6 ♗xc6 15.♕xc6 ♖c8 16.♕b5 ♘e8 17.♕a4 (17.♘c3 - 111/(255)) 17...♖c4 18.♕xa7 ♘d6N (18...♖xd4) 19.e3 b5 20.♕a3 ♘e4 21.♕d3 ♘xd2 22.♘xd2 ♖c8 23.a3 ♖b8 24.♗f1 ♘b6 25.b3± Van Foreest,L (2539)-Shuvalova,P (2516) Wijk aan Zee II 151/(173) 2022

**8...a5 9.♕c2 c6 10.♖c1 ♘e4 11.♗e1 f5 12.e3**

12.♘bd2 - 128/167

**12...g5**

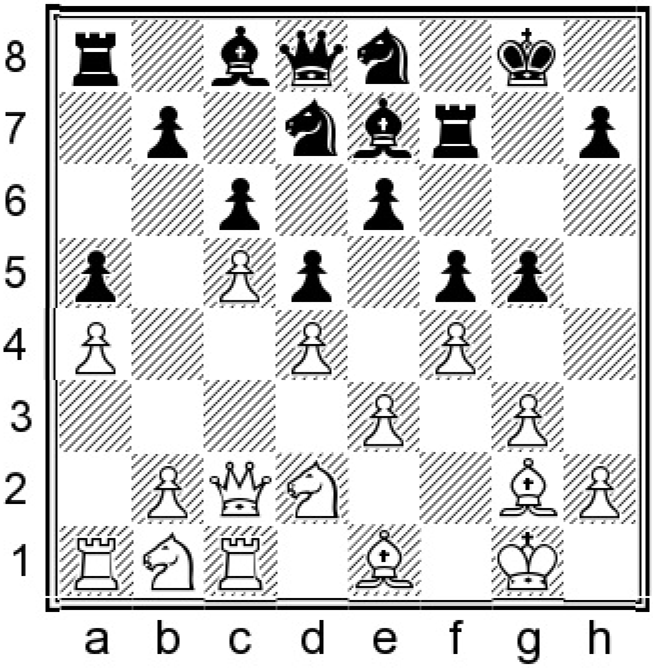
12...♗d6 13.♘fd2 ♖f7 14.f3 ♘ef6 15.♘c3 ♗b4 16.♘a2 ♗f8⇄

**13.♘fd2N**

13.♘c3

**13...♘df6**

13...♖f7!? 14.f3 ♘d6 15.c5 ♘e8 16.f4



16...♘ef6! 17.♘b3 ♘e4 18.♘1d2 ♘df6⇄

**14.f3**

14.♘c3 ♘xd2 15.♕xd2 ♖f7 16.f3 ♖g7∞ 17.e4?! dxe4 18.fxe4 e5!∓

**14...♘d6!**

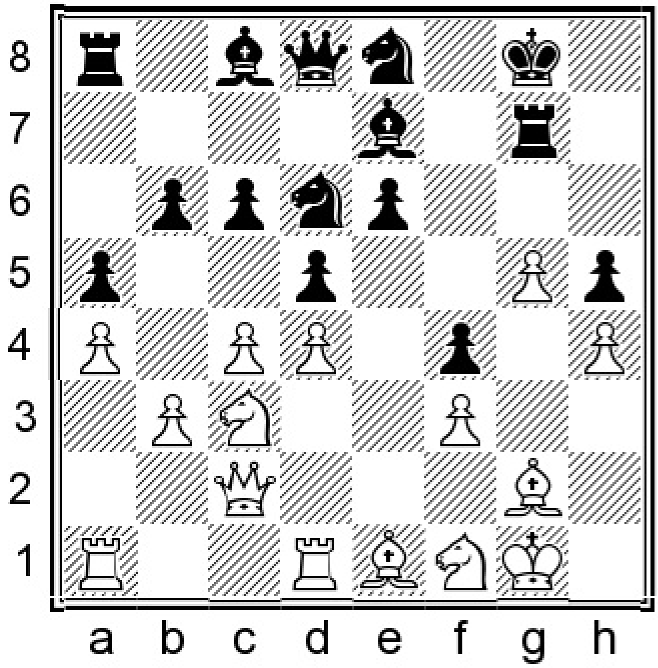
14...♘xd2 15.♘xd2 ♖f7 16.f4 ♖g7 17.♘f3 gxf4 18.exf4 ♘e4 19.♘e5∞

**15.♖d1**

15.c5 ♘f7 16.♘c3 e5!∓

**15...g4**

15...b6!? 16.b3 f4! 17.exf4 gxf4 18.g4 ♖f7 19.♘c3 h5↑ 20.g5?! ♘fe8 21.h4 ♖g7 22.♘f1



22...♗xg5! 23.hxg5 ♕xg5 24.♕f2 h4 25.♔h2 h3 26.♗xh3 e5 27.♗xc8 ♖xc8 28.♔h1 ♘f5-+

**16.c5 ♘de8**

16...♘f7 17.f4 h5 18.♘c3 b6⇄

**17.f4 h5 18.♘c3 ♘e4 19.♘b3**

19.b4!? axb4 20.♘a2 b3 21.♕xb3 h4∞

**19...♕c7 20.♘c1 ♗d8 21.♘d3 ♘8f6 22.♘e5 ♕h7 23.♗f1 ♘d7 24.♘xe4 fxe4 25.h3**

25.♘xd7! ♗xd7 26.b4 axb4 27.♖db1⩲

**25...♘xe5 26.dxe5 gxh3 27.♕h2 b6!⇄ 28.b4 axb4 29.♗xb4 ♗e7 30.♖dc1 ♕g6 31.♕xh3 ♗a6 32.♖a2 ♗xf1 33.♔xf1 ♖fb8 34.cxb6 ♗xb4 35.♖xc6 ♕g4 36.♕xg4+ hxg4 37.♖xe6 ♖a6 38.♖g6+ 1/2-1/2**

**174. E11**
**Grischuk, Alexander (2775) - Westerberg, Jonathan (2526)**
**Struga 151/174, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♗b4+ 4.♘bd2 O-O 5.a3 ♗e7 6.e4 d6 7.♗e2 c5 8.d5 ♘bd7**

8...exd5 - 141/(170)

**9.♕c2 ♖e8N 10.♘f1N**

10.O-O; 10.♘b1

**10...exd5**

10...b5!? 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.cxb5 a6 13.bxa6 (13.e5 dxe5 14.♘1d2 ♕a5 15.a4 axb5 16.♗xb5 ♗a6 17.♗xa6 ♕xa6 18.♘c4 e4 19.♘g5 ♘b8! 20.♘xe4 ♘c6=∞) 13...♗xa6 14.e5 dxe5 15.♗xa6 ♕a5+

16.♘1d2 ♕xa6 17.♘c4 ♘d5 (17...e4 18.♘fd2 ♘b8 19.♘xe4 ♘c6 20.♗e3±) 18.O-O±

**11.cxd5 ♗f8**

11...c4 12.♘g3 ♘c5 13.♗e3 (13.O-O ♗f8 14.♗xc4 ♘cxe4 15.♖e1 ♘xg3 16.♖xe8 ♕xe8 17.hxg3 ♗d7=) 13...b5 14.♗xc5 dxc5 15.a4±

**12.♘g3 b5 13.O-O± ♖b8 14.a4**

14.b3 g6 15.a4 a6± - 14.a4

**14...bxa4?!**

14...a6 15.b3 g6 16.axb5 axb5 17.h3 ♗g7 18.♗f4 ♕b6 19.♖a2±

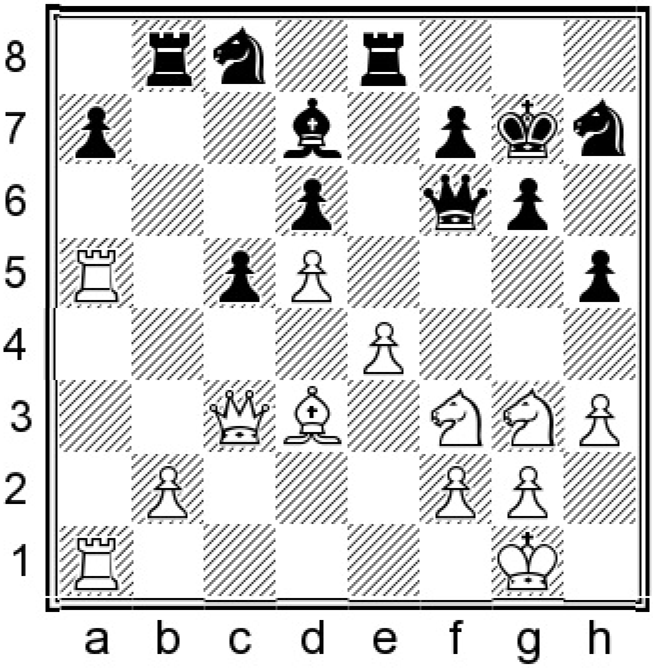
**15.♖xa4 ♕c7 16.♗d2 ♘b6 17.♖a5± ♗g4 18.♖fa1 ♘c8 19.♗b5**

19.♗c3 ♘d7 20.♗b5 ♗xf3 21.gxf3±

**19...♗d7 20.♗f1 ♕d8 21.h3 g6 22.♗c3 ♗g7 23.♗d3 h5 24.♕d2 ♘h7**

24...h4 25.♘xh4 ♘xe4 26.♘xe4 ♕xh4 27.♗xg7 ♔xg7 28.♕c3+ ♔f8 (28...f6 29.g3+-) 29.g3 ♕xh3 30.♘f6 ♖e5 31.♖xc5!+-

**25.♗xg7 ♔xg7 26.♕c3+ ♕f6**



**27.e5! dxe5 28.♘e4 ♕f4 29.♘xc5 ♘f6 30.♘xd7 ♘xd7 31.♗b5+- ♘cb6 32.♗xd7**

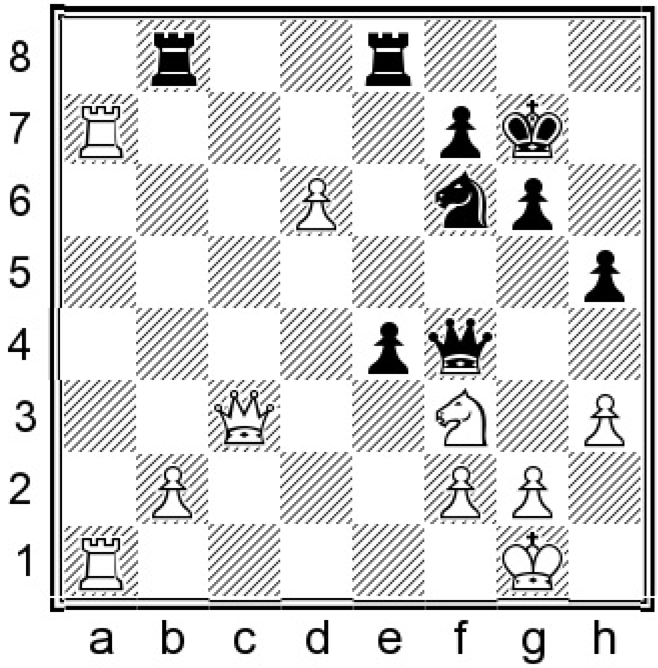
32.♖xa7 ♖ec8 33.♕e3+-

**32...♘xd7 33.♖xa7 ♘f6 34.d6**

34.♖xf7+! ♔xf7 35.♖a7+ ♖e7 (35...♘d7 36.♖xd7+ ♔g8 37.♕c6 ♕f5 38.♘h4 ♕g5 39.♖c7 ♖bd8

40.♘xg6+-) 36.♘xe5+ ♔g8 37.♘xg6+-

**34...e4**



**35.♖xf7+! ♔xf7 36.♖a7+ ♔g8 37.♕c7 ♘d7 38.♕xd7 ♕c1+ 39.♘e1! ♕h6 40.♕f7+ ♔h8 41.♕f6+ ♔g8 42.g4**

42.♘c2 e3 43.♘xe3 ♖xe3 44.d7 ♖d3 45.♕e6+ ♔h8 (45...♔f8 46.d8=♕+ ♖bxd8 47.♕f7#) 46.♕e5+ ♔g8 47.♕e8+ ♕f8 48.♕xg6++-

**42...hxg4 43.hxg4 ♖f8 44.♕e6+ ♔h8 45.♕e5+ ♔g8 46.g5 ♕h8 47.♕d5+ 1-0**

**175. E11**
**Almeida Quintana, Omar (2535) - Gonzalez Zamora, Juan Carlos (2544)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 151/175, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♗b4+ 4.♘bd2 b6 5.a3 ♗xd2+ 6.♗xd2 h6 7.e3 ♗b7 8.♗d3 O-O**

8...d6 - 40/620

**9.O-O d6 10.♕c2 c5 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.b4 ♘bd7 13.♖fd1N**

13.♖ad1

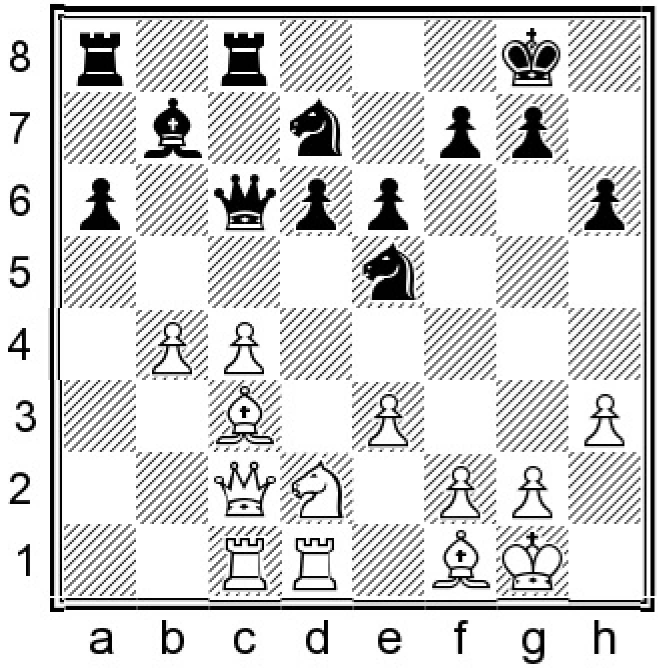
**13...♕c7**

13...♗xf3 14.gxf3 ♘e5 15.♗e2 ♕e7 16.♗c3 ♖ac8 17.f4 ♘ed7 18.b5±

**14.♗c3 ♖fc8 15.♖ac1 a6**

15...e5 16.♗f5 ♖e8 17.♘d2 ♘b6 18.♗a1↑

**16.♘d2 cxb4 17.axb4 ♘g4 18.h3 ♘ge5 19.♗f1± ♕c6**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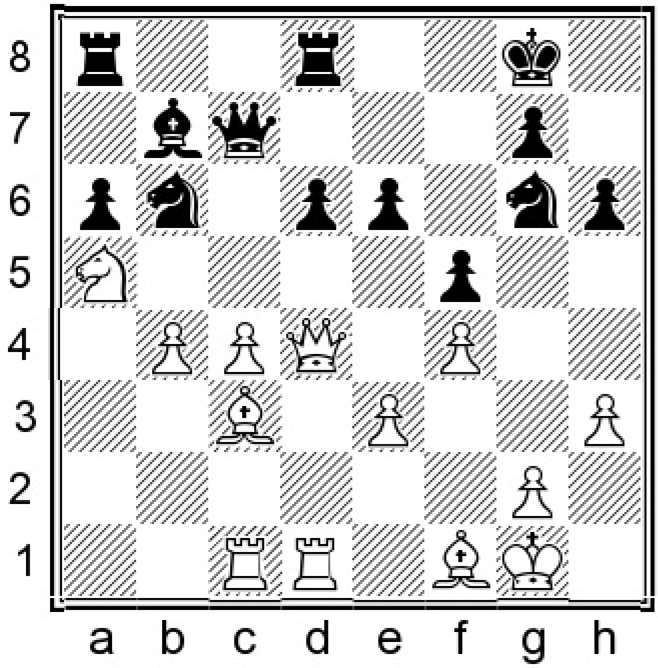
**20.f4! ♘g6 21.♘b3 ♕c7 22.♕d2 ♘b6 23.♘a5 ♖d8 24.♕d4**

24.f5 exf5 25.♕d4 f6 26.c5 dxc5 27.♕xc5 ♖dc8 28.♗e1! ♕xc5 29.bxc5 ♘d5 30.♗f2+-

**24...e5**

24...f5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**25.fxe5 dxe5 26.♕c5!+-**

26.♕g4 ♗c8 27.♕f3 ♗e6±

**26...♖xd1**

26...♖dc8 27.♕xc7 ♖xc7 28.♘xb7 ♖xb7 29.c5 ♘a4 30.♗e1

**27.♕xc7 ♖xc1 28.♘xb7 ♘a4 29.♗xe5 ♘xe5 30.♕xe5 ♘c3 31.♘d6 ♖b8 32.♘f5 1-0**

**176. E12**
**Zhou, Jianchao (2605) - Gauri, Shankar (2373)**
**Charlotte 151/176, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♗b7 5.♗f4 c5**

5...♘e4 - 145/168

**6.♘c3 cxd4 7.♕xd4 ♘c6 8.♕d3**

8.♕d1 ♖c8 9.e4 ♘e7!? 10.♘d2 ♘g6 11.♗g3 h5∞

**8...♘h5 9.♗g5**

9.♗e3 ♖c8 10.g4 ♘f6 11.♖g1 h6 12.h4 d6 13.♖d1 ♘a5∞

**9...♗e7 10.♗xe7 ♕xe7 11.♘b5 O-O 12.♘d6 ♖ab8 13.e3 ♘f6 14.♗e2 ♘e8N**

14...♖fd8 15.O-O ♘e8 16.♘xb7 ♖xb7 17.♖fd1 ♖c7 18.b4 h6 19.g3 ♘f6 20.♖ac1 ♖dc8 21.♕b1 d6 22.♕d3 d5 23.cxd5 exd5 24.♔g2 ♘e5 25.♖xc7 ♖xc7 26.♕b3 ♘c4⇄

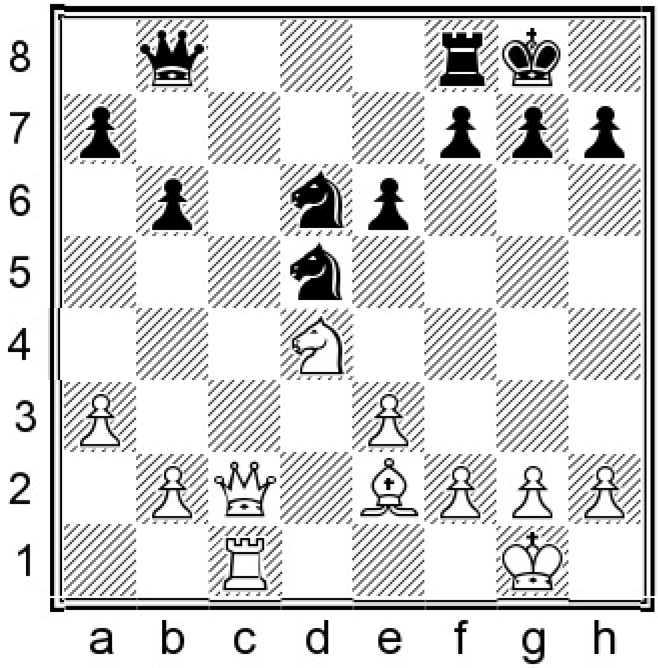
**15.♘xb7 ♖xb7 16.O-O± ♘f6 17.♖fd1 d5 18.cxd5**

18.♖ac1!? ♖d8 19.b4 dxc4 (19...h6 20.c5±) 20.♕xc4↑

**18...♘xd5 19.♖ac1 ♖c7 20.♕b1**

20.♕e4!? ♖d8 21.♕a4 ♘a5 22.♗f1 ♖dc8 23.♖xc7 ♕xc7 24.e4 ♘f6 25.b4±

**20...♘a5 21.♖xc7 ♕xc7 22.♖c1 ♕b8 23.♕c2± ♘b7 24.♘d4 ♘d6**



**25.♗a6! ♕d8 26.g3 g6 27.♘c6**

27.b4±

**27...♕g5 28.h4 ♕g4 29.♗e2+- ♕h3 30.♗f1 ♕g4 31.♗g2 ♘xe3**

31...♘f6 32.♕c3+-

**32.♘e7+ ♔g7 33.♕c3+ f6 34.♕xe3 ♖f7 35.♘c6 ♖c7 36.♗f3 ♕f5 37.♘d4 ♖xc1+ 38.♕xc1 1-0**

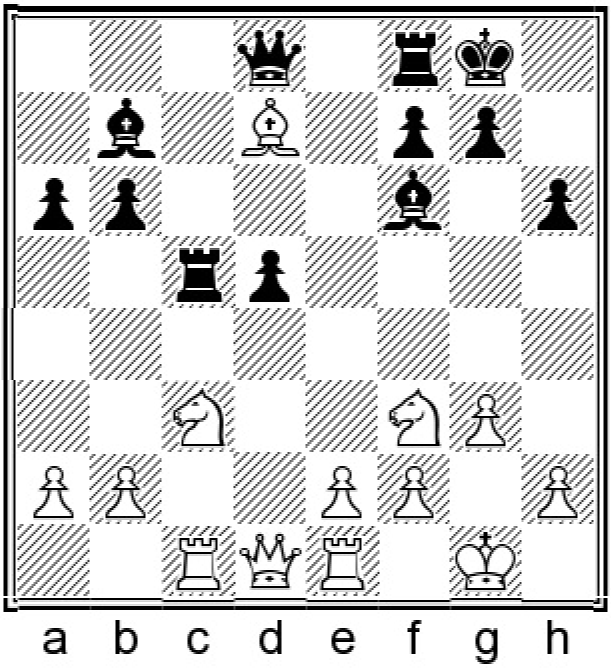
**177. * E17**
**Suleymanli, Aydin Elshan (2530) - Iskandarov, Misratdin (2548)**
**Azerbaijan 151/177, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.O-O O-O 7.♖e1 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.♗f4 ♘bd7 10.♘c3 a6**

10...♘e4 - 114/189

**11.♘e5**

11.♖c1 ♖c8 12.♗h3 (12.♘e5!?→) 12...c5 13.♗g5N (13.dxc5) 13...h6 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.dxc5 ♖xc5 16.♗xd7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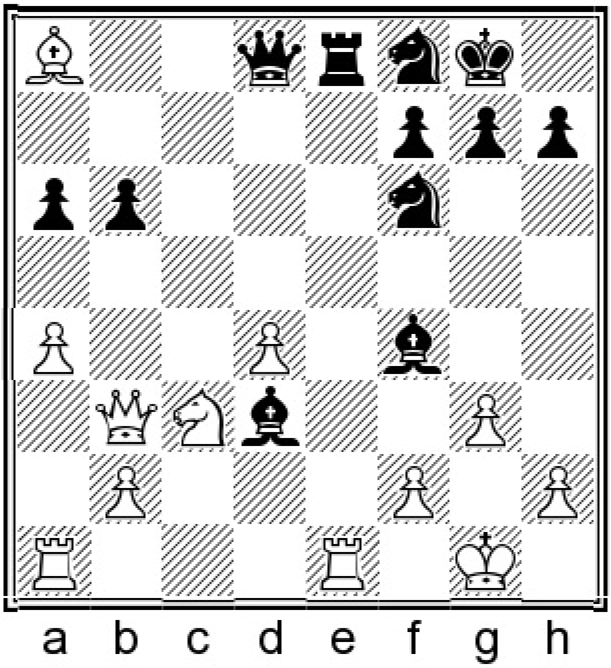
**11...♖e8 12.♕b3 ♘f8 13.e4! c6 14.exd5N**

14.♗h3; 14.♘xc6!? ♗xc6 15.exd5 ♗b5 16.a4 ♗d3 17.d6 ♗xd6 18.♗xa8 ♗xf4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**14...♘xd5?!**

14...cxd5 15.♘a4! b5 16.♘c5±

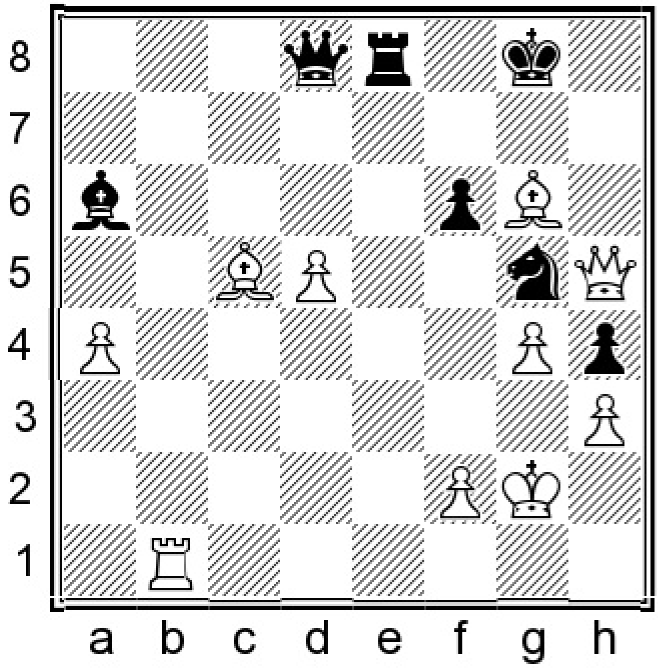
**15.♘xc6! ♗xc6 16.♘xd5 ♖c8 17.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 18.♖xe7 ♕xe7 19.d5+- ♗b7 20.♕xb6 ♕d7 21.♖d1 ♘g6 22.♗e3 h5 23.h3**

23.h4 ♖e8 24.♗d2 ♗xd5 25.♗c3 ♘e7 26.♕d4

**23...♘e7 24.♕a5 ♘f5 25.♗c5 ♖e8 26.♕d2 ♖e5 27.♕c3 f6 28.♕d3 ♔h8 29.b4 h4 30.g4 ♘d6 31.a4 ♖e8 32.♖b1**

32.♗xd6 ♕xd6 33.♕g6

**32...♘f7 33.b5 ♘e5 34.♕f5 ♕d8 35.bxa6 ♗xa6 36.♕h5+ ♔g8 37.♗e4 g6 38.♗xg6 ♘f3+ 39.♔g2 ♘g5**



**40.♗f7+! ♘xf7 41.♕g6+ ♔h8 42.♕xf7 ♗c4 43.♗d6 ♖e5 44.♖b8 ♗xd5+ 45.♕xd5 ♕xb8 46.♗xe5 fxe5 47.a5 1-0**

**178. E20**
**Shankland, Samuel L (2708) - Karjakin, Sergey (2743)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/178, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.f3 c5 5.d5 b5 6.e4 d6 7.♗d2 a6 8.a4**

8.♘ge2 - 146/(175)

**8...bxc4 9.♗xc4 ♘bd7 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.♗xe6 ♘e5 12.♗xc8 ♕xc8 13.♗f4**

13.♘ge2? ♘d3+ 14.♔f1 c4↑

**13...c4 14.♗xe5 dxe5 15.♘h3 ♗c5N**

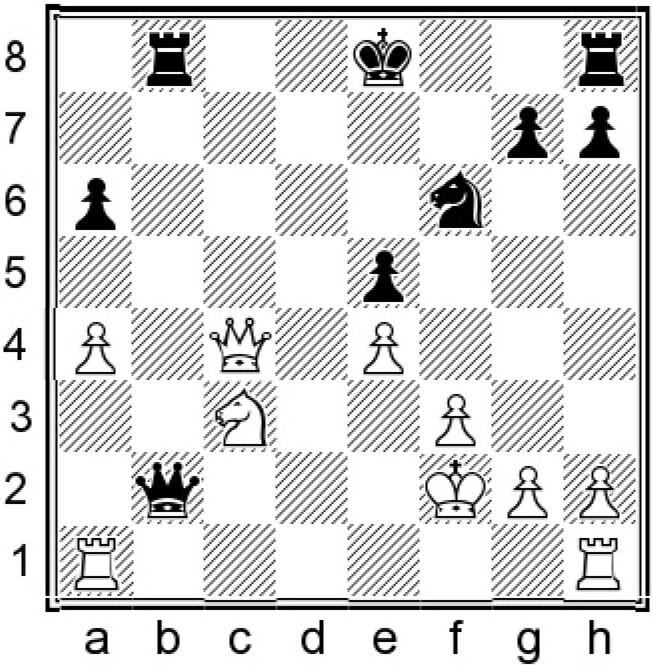
15...♕c5 16.♘f2 ♗xc3+ 17.bxc3 ♕e3+ 18.♔f1 ♕xc3 19.♖c1 ♕a3 (RR19...♕b4!?) 20.♖xc4 (20.♕c2) 20...O-O 21.♕d3±

**16.♕e2 ♖b8 17.♘f2 ♕b7?**

17...♗d4 18.♖c1 (18.O-O ♘h5↑) 18...O-O 19.O-O ♖b3 (19...♘h5 20.♘d5! ♖xb2 21.♕xb2 ♗xb2 22.♘e7+ ♔h8 23.♘xc8 ♗xc1 24.♖xc1 ♖xc8 25.♔f1±) 20.♔h1±

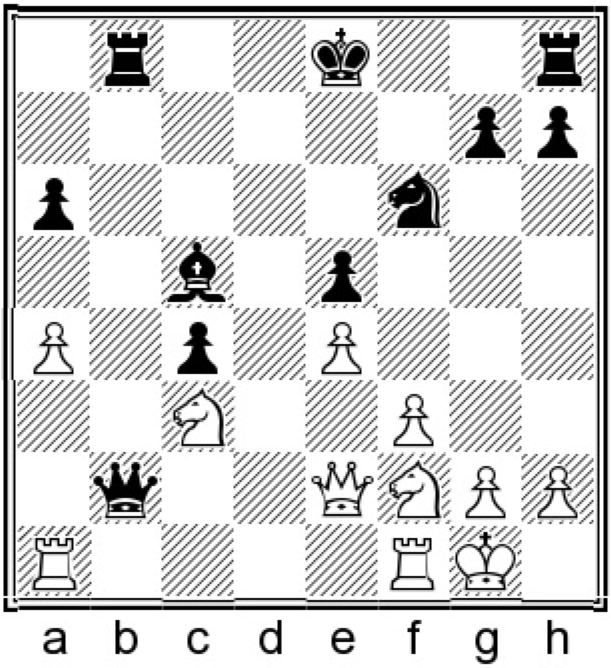
**18.O-O!**

18.♕xc4!? ♗xf2+ (18...♕xb2 19.O-O! ♗xf2+ 20.♔h1+-) 19.♔xf2 ♕a7+ (19...♕xb2+



20.♔g3! ♘h5+ 21.♔h4+- Δ♕b6 22.♖ab1 ♕f6+ 23.♔xh5) 20.♔f1! (20.♔g3 ♘h5+ 21.♔h4 ♕b6! 22.♔xh5 ♖f8 23.♔h4 ♕f2+! 24.♔h3 ♖b6 25.♕c8+ ♔f7 26.♕f5+ (26.♕c4+ ♔e8=) 26...♔g8 27.♕h5 ♖h6 28.♕xh6 gxh6 29.♖hf1±) 20...♖xb2 21.♘d1+-

**18...♕xb2?**



18...♕b4±

**19.♕xc4! ♗xf2+ 20.♔h1 ♕b3 21.♕c7 ♕b6 22.♕xe5+ ♔f7 23.♘d5 ♘xd5**

⌓23...♖he8 24.♕xe8+ ♖xe8 25.♘xb6 ♗xb6 26.♖ab1+-

**24.♕xd5+ ♔e7 25.♕e5++- ♔f7 26.♖ac1! ♖b7 27.♖xf2 ♕xf2 28.♕d5+ 1-0**

**179. E24**
**Van Foreest, Jorden (2702) - Giri, Anish (2772)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/179, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.a3 ♗xc3+ 5.bxc3 b6 6.f3 ♘c6 7.e4 ♘a5 8.♗d3 ♗a6 9.♕e2 d6**

9...♘b3 10.♖b1 ♘xc1 11.♖xc1 ♕e7 (11...O-O 12.f4) 12.♘h3 d6! (12...♕xa3? 13.O-O ♕e7 14.e5 ♘g8 15.♗e4 c6 16.♖a1 ♗b7 17.f4↑) 13.f4 e5

**10.f4!**

10.♘h3 ♕d7 11.♖b1 c5; 10.♗g5 - 41/634

**10...♕d7**

10...O-O 11.e5! ♘d7 12.♘f3 (∆ Bh7) 12...f5 13.exf6! (13.exd6? ♖e8!∓ 14.c5 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3 bxc5 16.dxc7 ♕xc7 17.O-O c4! 18.♕e2 ♘f6∓) 13...♘xf6 14.♘g5 ♕d7 15.♘xe6 ♖ae8 16.f5 ♗xc4! 17.♗xc4 ♕c6 18.O-O ♘xc4 19.♗g5±; 10...♘d7 11.♘f3±; 10...c5 11.e5!

**11.♘f3 ♕a4 12.♘d2 e5N**

12...O-O-O

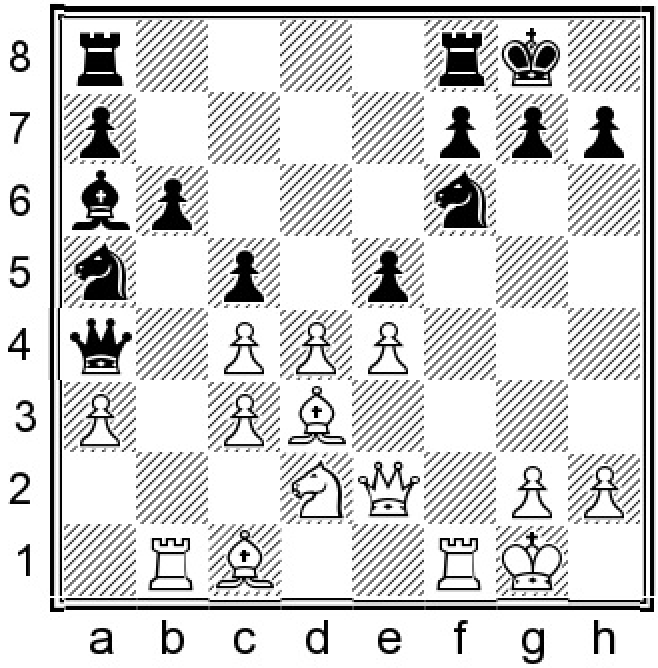
**13.O-O O-O 14.fxe5**

14.♖b1!?

**14...dxe5 15.♖b1**

15.♖xf6 gxf6 16.♘f1 ♔h8 (16...♗xc4? 17.♗h6 ♔h8 18.♕f2! ♕c6 19.d5 ♕d6 20.♘e3!+- Δ♗xd3 21.♘f5 ♕c5 22.♗e3 ♕xc3 23.♖c1 ♕xa3 24.♕h4) 17.♘e3⩱

**15...c5**



15...♘d7 16.♖b4! ♕c6 17.♘f3 f6 (17...♖ae8 18.♘h4→) 18.♘h4→

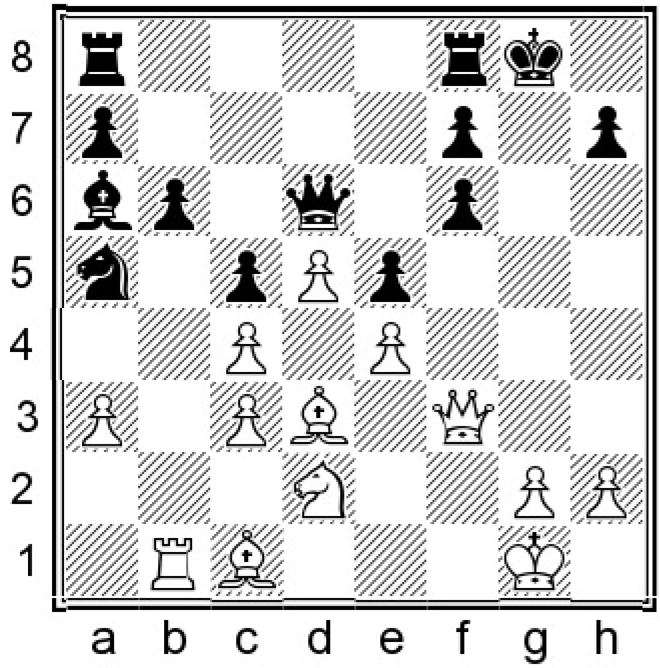
**16.♖xf6! gxf6 17.♕f3**

17.♘b3!? ♘xb3 18.♗h6 ♔h8 19.♕f3 ♕c6 20.d5 ♕d6 21.♗xf8 ♖xf8 22.♖xb3±

**17...♕c6**

17...cxd4 18.cxd4 ♕c6 19.d5 ♕d6 20.♘f1±

**18.d5 ♕d6**



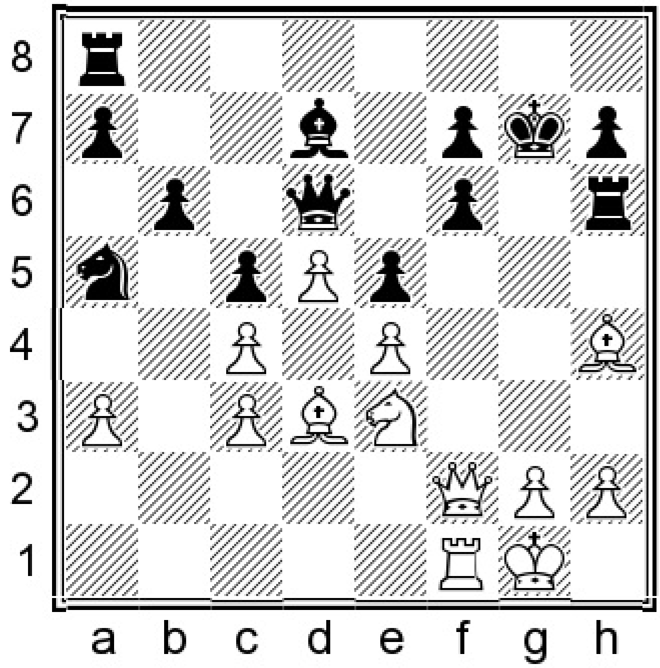
**19.♘f1! ♔h8**

19...♗xc4?? 20.♘e3 ♗xd3 21.♘f5

**20.♘e3**

20.♘g3 ♗c8 21.♘h5 ♖g8 22.h3 Δ Rb2-f2+-

**20...♗c8 21.♗d2 ♖g8 22.♗e1 ♖g6 23.♗h4 ♖h6 24.♕f2 ♗d7 25.♖f1 ♔g7**



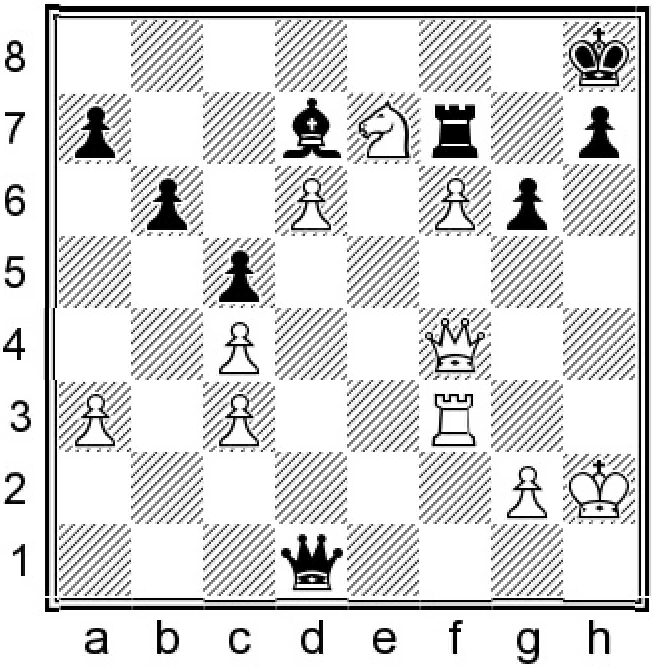
**26.♗e2!+- ♖g6 27.h3**

27.♗h5 ♖f8 28.h3 ♘b7 29.♗g4

**27...♗xh3 28.♗h5 ♗d7**

28...♖h6?? 29.gxh3 ♖xh5 30.♗xf6+ ♔f8 31.♕g3

**29.♗xg6 fxg6 30.♗xf6+ ♔g8 31.♕h4 ♖f8 32.♖f3 ♖f7 33.♕g5 ♕f8 34.♕xe5 ♘b7 35.♕f4 ♘d6 36.e5 ♘e8 37.d6 ♘xf6 38.exf6 ♕e8 39.♘d5 ♕e1+ 40.♔h2 ♕d1 41.♘e7+ ♔h8**



**42.♖h3!!**

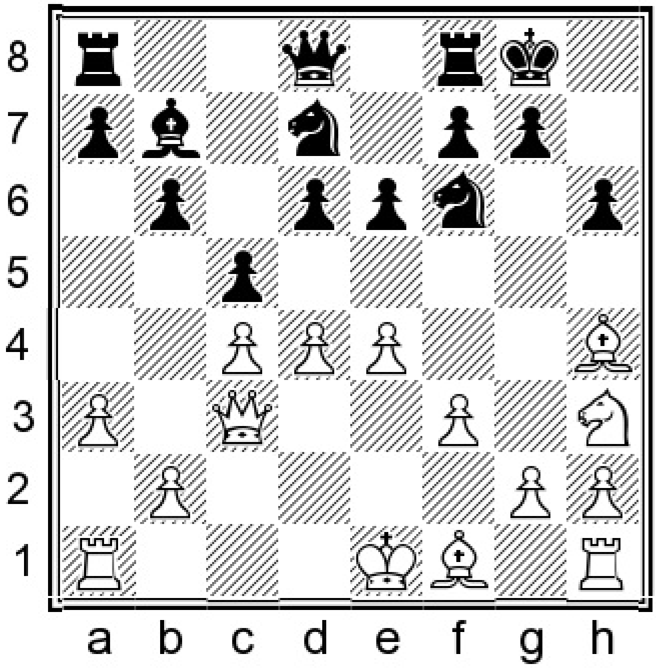
42.♖h3 ♗xh3 43.d7 Δ Qb8; 42.♕e5

**1-0**

# E25-E49

**180. E32**
**Rapport, Richard (2763) - Fedoseev, Vladimir (2704)**
**Berlin 151/180, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♕xc3 b6 7.♗g5 ♗b7 8.♘h3 h6 9.♗h4 d6 10.f3 ♘bd7 11.e4 c5**



**12.♘f2!?N**

12.dxc5 - 49/(652)

**12...♖e8 13.dxc5 ♘xc5 14.♗xf6 ♕xf6 15.♕xf6 gxf6 16.b4**

16.O-O-O ♖ad8 17.b4 ♘a6 18.♗d3 ♘c7 19.♖d2±

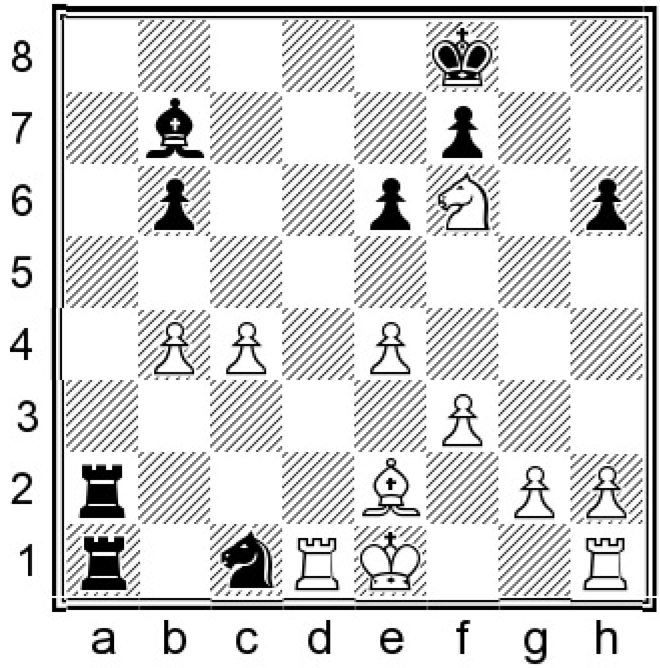
**16...♘b3 17.♖d1 a5 18.♖xd6 axb4 19.axb4 ♖a1+**

19...♖ed8 20.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 21.♗d3±

**20.♖d1 ♖ea8 21.♗e2 ♘c1 22.♘g4**

22.♖d7!?

**22...♖8a2 23.♘xf6+ ♔f8**



23...♔g7 24.♘h5+ ♔g6 25.♘f4+ ♔g5 26.♔f2!+-

**24.♔f2**

24.♗f1! ♘d3+ (24...♔g7 25.♘e8+ ♔f8 26.♘d6 ♗a8 (26...♗a6 27.b5+-) 27.♘c8+-; 24...♔e7 25.♘g8+ ♔f8 26.♘xh6+-) 25.♗xd3 ♖xd1+ 26.♔xd1 ♖a1+ 27.♔e2 ♖xh1 28.♘d7+ ♔e8 29.♘xb6 ♖xh2 30.♔f2+-

**24...♖xe2+ 25.♔g3 ♖c2 26.♔h4 ♔g7?!**

26...♔e7

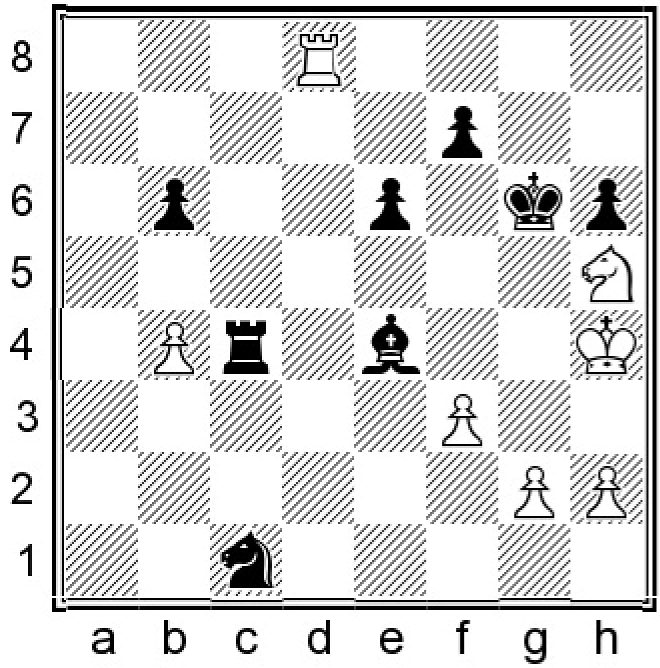
**27.♘h5+?!**

27.♘e8+ ♔f8 28.♘d6 ♗c6 29.b5 ♗e8 30.e5±

**27...♔g6??**

27...♔f8=

**28.♖d8 ♖a8 29.♖hd1 ♖xc4 30.♖xa8 ♗xa8 31.♖d8 ♗xe4**



**32.g4! ♔h7**

32...♗xf3 33.♖g8+ ♔h7 34.♘f6#; 32...f5 33.♖d7! fxg4 34.fxg4+-

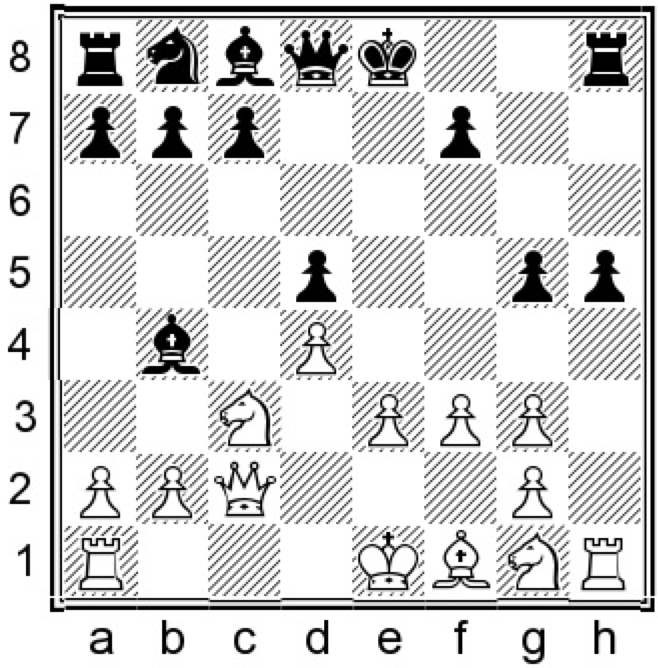
**33.fxe4+- e5 34.♘f6+ ♔g6 35.♖d6 ♘e2 36.♘g8+ ♔g7 37.♘xh6 ♖xe4 38.♘f5+ ♔h7 39.♖h6+ ♔g8 40.♖xb6 ♘f4 41.♔g5 f6+ 42.♔h6 ♖e2 43.h4 ♔f7 44.b5 ♖b2 45.♖b8 ♘d5 46.h5 e4 47.♘d6+ ♔e7 48.♘xe4 ♖b4 49.b6 f5 50.gxf5 ♖xe4 51.b7 ♘f6 52.♖d8 1-0**

**181. E35**
**Lupulescu, Constantin (2624) - Pavlidis, Antonios (2536)**
**Terme Catez 151/181, 2021**

**1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 ♘f6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♗g5 ♗b4 6.e3 h6 7.♗h4 g5 8.♗g3 ♘e4 9.♕c2**

9.♘e2 h5 10.h4 ♘xg3 11.♘xg3 gxh4 (11...♗g4 12.♕a4+ ♘c6 13.♗a6! bxa6 14.♕xc6+ ♔f8 15.hxg5 ♖b8 16.♕f6±) 12.♘xh5 c6 (12...♕g5 13.♕a4+ ♘c6 14.♘f4 ♗d7 15.♕b5! ♘xd4 16.♕xb7 ♖d8 17.O-O-O ♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♘e6 19.♘xd5±) 13.a3 (13.♕f3 ♕g5 14.♗e2 ♗e6 Δ Nd7∞) 13...♗d6 14.g3 (14.♗e2 ♕g5 15.♔d2 ♘d7 16.g3 hxg3 17.♘xg3 ♖xh1 18.♕xh1 ♗xg3 19.♖g1 ♕h4=) 14...hxg3 15.♕f3 ♗e6 16.e4 ♘d7!? (16...gxf2+ 17.♔xf2! ♘d7 18.exd5 ♕b6 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.♘f6+ ♔e7 21.♘xd7 ♔xd7 22.♖xh8 ♖xh8 23.♔e1! ♖f8 24.♕g2 ♗e7 25.♘e4 (25.♗c4 ♖f4⇄) 25...♔c8 26.♘c5±) 17.exd5 cxd5 18.♘f6+ ♕xf6 19.♕xf6 ♖xh1 20.♕f3 gxf2+ 21.♕xf2 a6 22.O-O-O ♖h2 23.♗g2 ♘b6∞; 9.♕b3 c5 10.♗b5+ (10.♗xb8 ♖xb8 11.♗b5+ ♔f8 12.♗d3 ♗xc3+ 13.bxc3 c4 14.♕b4+ ♘d6 15.♗c2 ♔g7 16.♕c5 ♗f5⇄) 10...♘c6 11.♘e2 O-O 12.♖d1 (12.dxc5 d4!? 13.O-O-O ♘xc5 14.♕c2 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 ♕a5⇄) 12...c4 13.♕a4 ♗xc3+ 14.♘xc3 ♘xg3 15.hxg3 ♘e7∞ 16.♖xh6?! ♔g7 17.♖h5 a6 18.♖xg5+ ♔h6 19.♖e5 ♗e6 20.♗xc4 b5 21.♕c2 bxc4 22.♔d2 ♖h8∓; 9.♕a4+ - 98/(309); 9.♖c1 - 73/(461)

**9...h5 10.f3 ♘xg3 11.hxg3**



**11...♗e6N**

11...♕e7 12.♔f2 ♗e6 13.a3 (13.♗d3 c6 14.♘ge2 ♘d7 15.a3 ♗d6 16.b4 h4∓) 13...♗d6 14.♘b5 c6 15.♘xd6+ ♕xd6 16.♗d3 ♘d7 17.♘e2 O-O-O 18.b4 ♔b8 19.a4 ♕e7 20.♖ac1 ♖c8 21.♕b2 h4 22.gxh4 gxh4 23.b5 c5 24.dxc5 ♘xc5 25.♕d4±; 11...♘c6 12.♗d3 ♗d6 13.g4!? (13.♕f2 ♘b4 14.♗b1 c5⇄; 13.♘ge2 ♘b4 14.♕d2 ♘xd3+ 15.♕xd3 ♗e6 16.♕b5+ ♔f8 17.O-O-O ♔g7 18.♕xb7 ♖b8 19.♕xa7 f6!?⩱ Δ Bf7) 13...♘b4 (13...♗g3+ 14.♔f1 Δ Nge2↑) 14.♕d2 ♘xd3+ 15.♕xd3 h4 16.O-O-O c6 17.e4 ♗e6 18.♘h3±; 11...♕d6 - 49/(666)

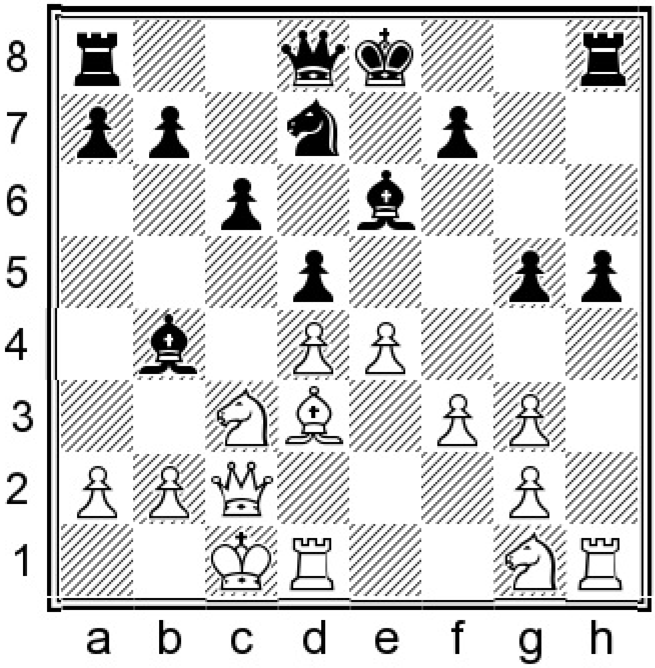
**12.O-O-O ♘d7**

12...♘c6 13.g4 h4 14.♘h3±

**13.e4**

13.g4 h4 14.♘h3 ♘b6 Δ Qe7∞

**13...c6 14.♗d3**



**14...♕a5**

14...♘b6 15.e5 ♕e7 16.f4±; 14...dxe4 15.♗xe4 (15.fxe4 ♕a5 16.a3 ♗xc3 17.♕xc3 ♕xc3+ 18.bxc3 O-O-O 19.♘f3 f6∞) 15...♕a5 16.d5 cxd5 17.♘xd5 ♗d6 18.♘h3!? ♕xa2 19.♘xg5 ♘c5! (19...♕a1+ 20.♔d2 ♕a5+ 21.♔e3±) 20.♕c3 ♘b3+ 21.♔c2 ♖c8 22.♘xe6 ♖xc3+ 23.♘xc3 ♘a1+□ 24.♖xa1 ♕xe6 25.♖xa7 ♗e5 26.♖a8+ (26.g4 ♕c4=) 26...♔e7 27.♘d5+ ♔d7 28.♖xh8 ♗xh8 29.♖xh5 ♕e8⇄ (29...♕a6? 30.♗f5+±) 30.♘c3 ♗e5 31.g4 ♔c8 32.♖h7 ♕e7 33.♗d5 ♕c5 34.♖xf7 ♕f2+ 35.♔b3 ♕b6+=

**15.a3**

15.exd5 cxd5 16.♘ge2 ♗xc3 17.♘xc3 O-O-O 18.♔b1 ♔b8 19.♕d2±

**15...♗xc3 16.♕xc3 ♕xc3+ 17.bxc3 c5?!**

17...O-O-O 18.e5 ♖dg8 19.♖h2!? Δ f4; 17...dxe4 18.fxe4 O-O-O 19.♘f3 f6∞ - 14...de4

**18.exd5 ♗xd5 19.c4 ♗c6 20.d5 ♗a4 21.♖e1+ ♔f8 22.♘e2**

22.♘h3! ♖g8 (22...f6 23.f4±) 23.♘f2 b5 24.♖xh5±

**22...♘b6?!**

22...b5 23.cxb5 ♘e5 24.♗c2 ♗xb5 25.f4 gxf4 26.♘xf4 ♖e8 27.♘e6+ fxe6 28.♖xe5 exd5 29.♖xd5 ♗e2 30.♖e1 ♗g4 31.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 32.♖xc5±

**23.♔b2 ♗d7 24.g4 ♘a4+ 25.♔c2 h4 26.♘g3± b5 27.cxb5 c4 28.♗xc4 ♖c8 29.♔b3 ♘b6 30.♖e4 ♖b8 31.♘f5**

31.a4 a6 32.bxa6 ♘xa4+ 33.♔c2 ♖b2+ 34.♔d3 ♘c5+ 35.♔d4 ♘xe4 36.♘xe4 ♔g7 37.♘c5 ♗b5 38.♘d3 ♗xc4 39.♘xb2 ♗xa6 40.♘d1 Δ Ne3+-

**31...♘xc4 32.♔xc4 ♖xb5 33.♖he1 h3 34.gxh3 ♖xh3 35.♖e7 ♖b7 36.♖1e3 ♖c7+ 37.♔d4 ♖h1 38.♔e4 1-0**

**182. E36**
**Rapport, Richard (2763) - Praggnanandhaa, Rameshbabu (2612)**
**Wijk aan Zee 151/182, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♕xc3 d5 7.♗g5 c5 8.dxc5 d4 9.♕g3 ♘bd7**

9...e5 - 108/288

**10.♘f3 e5 11.♖d1?! ♖e8 12.b4 a5 13.♘d2 axb4 14.axb4 ♔f8N**

14...♕c7; ⌓14...e4 15.♕d6 (15.f3 e3 16.♘b3 ♘e5 17.♗xe3 d3! 18.♘c1 (18.exd3? ♘fg4 19.fxg4 ♘xg4-+) 18...♖a1∓; 15.e3 h6 (15...d3 16.f3 ♖a2 17.♘xe4 ♖xe4 18.♗xd3 ♖e8 19.O-O ♕e7∓) 16.♗xh6 ♘h5 17.♕g5 ♘df6 18.♗e2 ♔h7∓) 15...e3 16.fxe3 dxe3 17.♘b1 (17.♘b3 ♖a4 18.c6 bxc6 19.♘c5 ♖a2-+) 17...h6 18.♗xf6 ♕xf6 19.♕xf6 ♘xf6∓

**15.♕b3**

15.e4!?

**15...h6 16.♗h4 e4! 17.e3 d3?!**

17...♘e5∓

**18.h3± g5 19.♗g3 ♘e5?!**

19...♔g8±

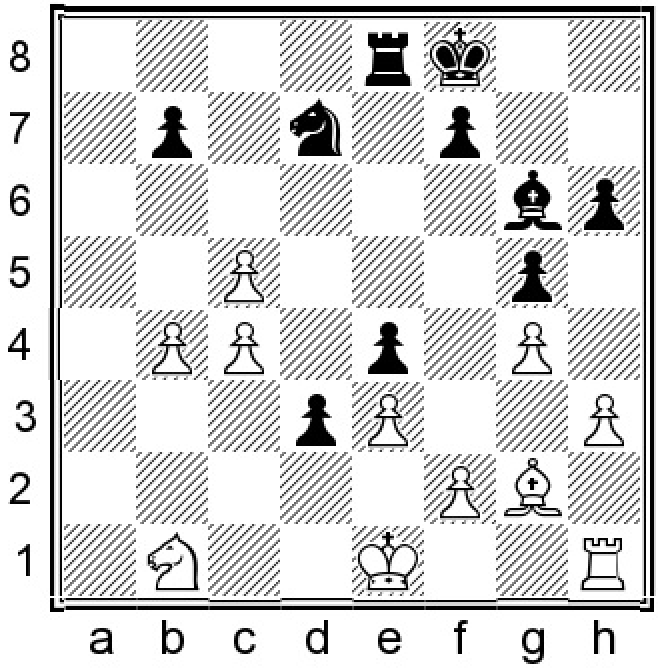
**20.♕b2 ♕e7**

20...♘c6!?

**21.♖a1 ♖xa1+ 22.♕xa1 ♗f5 23.♗xe5 ♕xe5 24.♕xe5 ♖xe5 25.g4 ♗g6 26.♗g2**

26.♔d1!?

**26...♖e8 27.♘b1 ♘d7?!**



27...♖a8

**28.♔d2! ♖a8 29.♔c3!**

29.♘c3 ♘e5=∞; 29.♖d1 ♘e5 30.♔c3 h5! 31.gxh5 ♗xh5 32.♖g1 ♗g6=∞

**29...♖a2 30.♖d1**

30.♔d4!?

**30...♖xf2**

⌓30...♘e5

**31.♖d2 ♖f6?!**

31...♖xd2 32.♘xd2 ♘f6±; 31...♖e2!?

**32.♔d4 ♖e6 33.♘c3**

33.♖a2!?

**33...♘f6 34.b5 ♔g7 35.♖a2+- h5?!**

35...♖e8

**36.gxh5 ♗f5 37.♖b2**

37.♖a7!?

**37...♔h6 38.♖f2 ♗h7 39.♘d5**

39.b6!?

**39...♘xh5 40.♖xf7 d2 41.♘c3□ ♘g3 42.♘d1 ♘e2+ 43.♔d5 ♖e8 44.♔d6**

44.♖xb7

**44...♗g6**

44...♗g8 45.♖f2 ♗xc4 46.♗f1 ♗xb5 47.♗xe2

**45.♖d7**

45.♖e7!?

**45...♘f4!? 46.♔c7! ♘xg2 47.♖xd2 ♘e1 48.♔xb7 ♘d3 49.c6 ♗f5 50.c7 ♖e5 51.♘b2 ♘c5+ 52.♔c6 ♘b3 53.♖d8 ♖c5+ 54.♔d6 g4 55.hxg4 ♗xg4 56.b6 1-0**

**183. E48**
**Aronian, Levon (2772) - Vidit, Santosh Gujrathi (2727)**
**Berlin 151/183, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.a3 ♗d6 8.♕c2**

8.♘ge2 - 43/713

**8...c6 9.♘ge2 ♖e8 10.♗d2 b6 11.O-O ♗a6N**

11...c5

**12.♔h1**

12.♗xa6 ♘xa6 13.♘g3 ♕d7 14.♖ac1 ♖ac8 15.♘ce2 g6=

**12...c5**

12...♗xd3 13.♕xd3 ♘bd7 14.f3 ♕e7=

**13.♖ad1**

13.f3 ♕c8 14.g4 ♗xd3 15.♕xd3 ♘c6 16.♖ad1 ♕e6=

**13...g6?!**

13...♗b7 14.f3 ♘c6=

**14.♕b1**

14.♗xa6 ♘xa6 15.f3 ♕e7 16.♗e1! ♕xe3 17.♗h4 ♕h6 18.g3±↑

**14...♗b7= 15.♘f4 ♘bd7 16.f3**

16.b4!?

**16...♘f8**

⌓16...♖c8

**17.b4! cxd4 18.exd4 ♗xf4**

18...♖c8!?; 18...♘e6!?

**19.♗xf4 ♘h5 20.♗e5! f6**

20...♘d7!?=

**21.♗g3 ♘xg3+ 22.hxg3 ♕c7 23.♘e2 ♖e3**

23...♘e6!?

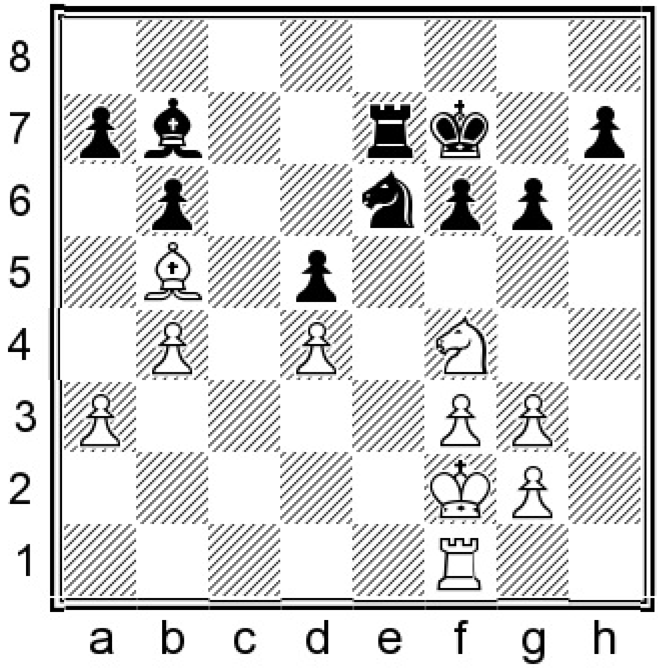
**24.♕a2 ♖ae8 25.♕d2! ♕d6 26.♖c1 ♖3e7 27.♗b5**

27.♕f4!?

**27...♖c8 28.♖xc8 ♗xc8 29.♕f4 ♕xf4**

29...♕e6!?

**30.♘xf4 ♗b7 31.♔g1 ♔f7 32.♔f2 ♘e6**



⌓32...f5

**33.♖h1! h5**

33...♘g5 34.a4±

**34.♗d3± ♘xf4**

34...♘f8!?

**35.gxf4 ♖c7?**

35...f5 36.g4

**36.f5+- g5 37.♖xh5 ♔g7 38.♖h1 ♖c3 39.♔e2! ♗c6**

39...♖xa3? 40.♖c1

**40.♖a1**

40.b5 ♗d7 41.a4

**40...♗d7?!**

40...a5

**41.♔d2 ♖c8 42.b5! ♖h8 43.g4 ♖c8 44.a4 ♔f8 45.a5**

45.♖e1!?

**45...♔e7**

⌓45...bxa5 46.♖xa5 ♖c7

**46.axb6 axb6 47.♖a7 ♖b8 48.♔e3**

48.♔c3!?

**48...♔d6 49.f4 ♖e8+ 50.♔f3 gxf4**

⌓50...♖h8

**51.♔xf4 ♗xb5?!**

51...♖b8 52.♖a1 ♖h8

**52.♗xb5 ♖e4+ 53.♔f3 ♖f4+ 54.♔e3 ♖e4+ 55.♔f2**

55.♔d3?! ♖xd4+ 56.♔c3 ♖xg4 57.♖f7 ♔c5 58.♗d3 b5

**55...♖f4+ 56.♔e1 ♖xd4**

56...♖xf5 57.♖d7+; 56...♖e4+ 57.♗e2

**57.♖a4 ♖xa4 58.♗xa4 ♔e5 59.♔d2 ♔f4 60.♗d1 d4 61.♔d3 ♔e5 62.♔c4 ♔e4 63.♗c2+ ♔e3 64.♗b1 1-0**

# E50-E74

**184. E62**
**Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2686) - Rapport, Richard (2763)**
**Berlin 151/184, 2022**

**1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 g6 4.g3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O c6 7.♘c3 ♕b6 8.h3 ♕a6 9.b3 b5 10.♘d2 bxc4 11.♘xc4 ♗b7**

11...♗e6 - 101/(445)

**12.♗b2 ♘bd7 13.e4 ♖fd8**

13...d5 14.♘e5 dxe4 (14...e6 15.♕c2 ♖ac8 16.♘a4 dxe4 17.♖ac1±) 15.♘xe4 ♘xe4 16.♗xe4 ♖fd8=

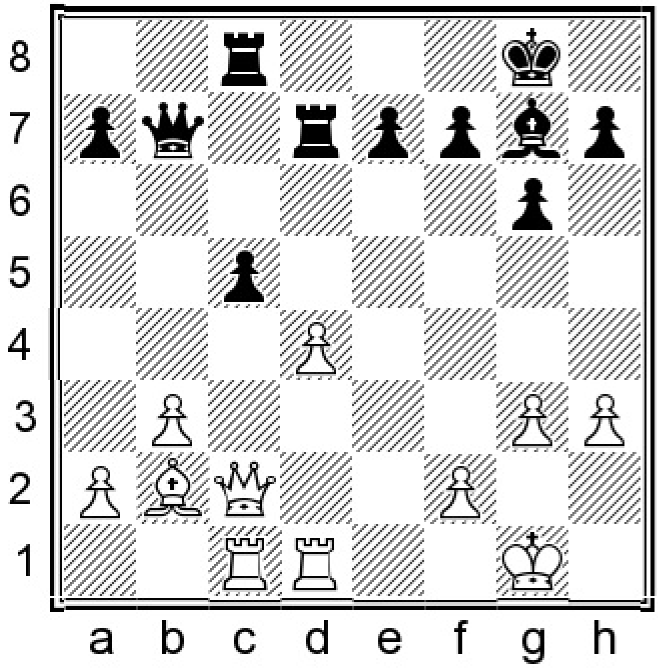
**14.♕c2 d5 15.♘e5 dxe4 16.♘xe4 ♘xe4 17.♗xe4 ♖ac8 18.♖fd1N**

18.♖ac1 ♗xe5!? (18...♘xe5 19.dxe5 c5 20.♗xb7 ♕xb7 21.♖fe1 e6 22.♕e2 ♖d5=) 19.dxe5 ♘f8∞

**18...c5 19.♗xb7 ♕xb7 20.♘xd7 ♖xd7**

20...cxd4 21.♘c5 ♕b6 22.♗a3 d3 23.♕c4 ♗xa1 24.♖xa1 e5 25.♖d1 ♖d4 26.♕c3 a5∞

**21.♖ac1**



21.dxc5 ♗xb2 22.♕xb2 ♖xc5 23.♖ac1 ♖cd5 24.♖xd5 ♖xd5 25.♕c2 a5=

**21...♕f3**

21...♗h6! 22.f4 ♗g7 23.♔f2 ♖cd8 24.♕xc5 ♕a6 25.♕c2 (25.a4 ♕e6∓) 25...♕a5 26.♗c3 ♕b6∓

**22.♗a1**

22.♖e1 ♖cd8 (22...♗h6 23.♖cd1 ♗g7 24.♖c1=) 23.♕xc5 ♖xd4 24.♕c3 ♕h5 25.h4 ♗f6 26.♕e3 ♖d3 27.♕e2=

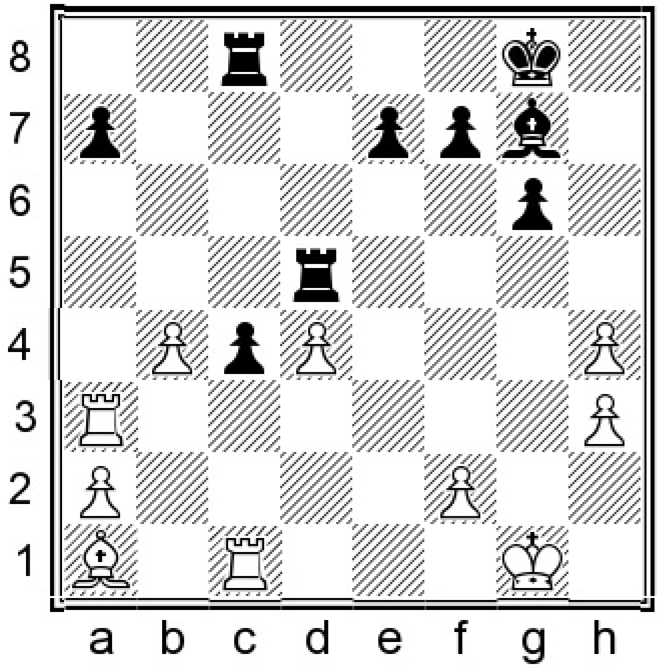
**22...h5 23.♕d3 ♕xd3 24.♖xd3 h4**

24...e5 25.d5 e4 26.♖dd1 ♗xa1 27.♖xa1 ♖cd8 28.♖ac1 ♖xd5 29.♖xd5 ♖xd5 30.♖c4 ♖d1+ (30...f5 31.♖a4 ♖d7 32.h4 ♔f7 33.♖a6=) 31.♔g2 ♖d2 32.♖xe4 ♖xa2 33.g4! hxg4 34.hxg4 ♔f8∓

**25.gxh4 ♖d5 26.b4?!**

26.♖dd1 ♖cd8 27.♖e1 cxd4 28.♖xe7 ♖a5 29.a4=

**26...c4 27.♖a3**



**27...♗xd4**

27...♖c7! 28.♖a5 ♖xa5 29.bxa5 f5 30.♔f1 ♔f7∓

**28.♗xd4 ♖xd4 29.♖xa7 c3 30.♖xe7 c2 31.♔f1 ♖xb4 32.♔e2**

32.♖e2! ♖b1 33.♖ee1 ♖b2 34.a4 ♖c3 35.♔g2 ♖a2 36.♖e2=

**32...♖xh4 33.♖e3 ♖a4 34.a3 ♔g7 35.♔d2 ♖f4 36.f3 ♖fc4 37.♖b3 ♖4c5 38.a4 ♔h6 39.♖a3?!**

39.♔e2 ♔g5 (39...♖c4 40.a5 ♖a4 41.♖b2=) 40.♔f2 f5 41.♖d3=

**39...♔g5 40.♖a2?**

40.♔e3 f5∓

**40...♖d5+ 41.♔e3 ♖e8+ 42.♔f2 ♖d2+ 43.♔g3 ♖ee2-+ 44.f4+ ♔f5?**

44...♔h5! 45.♔f3 ♔h4-+

**45.♖b2?!**

45.♔f3 ♖h2 46.♔e3 ♖d5 47.♖cxc2 ♖xh3+ 48.♔f2 ♔xf4∓

**45...♖d3+ 46.♔h4 g5+!**

46...g5+ 47.fxg5 ♖e4+ 48.♔h5 ♖xh3#

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**185. !N E68**
**Eljanov, Pavel (2680) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2630)**
**Sharjah 151/185, 2021**

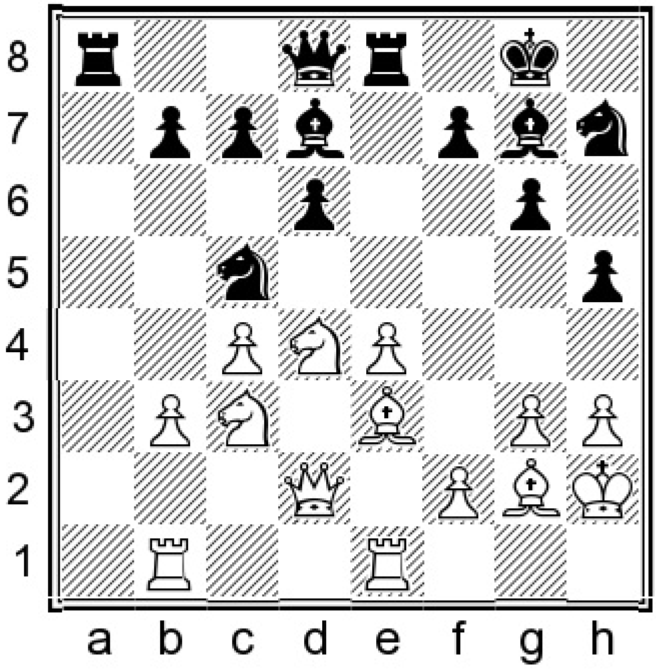
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘bd7 7.O-O e5 8.e4 exd4 9.♘xd4 ♘c5 10.h3 ♖e8 11.♖e1 ♗d7 12.♗f4 h6 13.♖b1 a5 14.b3**

14.g4 - 69/507

**14...a4 15.♔h2 axb3 16.axb3 h5 17.♕d2**

17.b4 ♘e6 18.♘xe6 (18.♗e3 h4! 19.g4 ♘xd4 20.♗xd4 c5! 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.♗xc5 ♘xg4+ 23.hxg4 ♗xc3∓) 18...♗xe6 19.e5 dxe5 20.♗xe5 ♗xc4 21.♕xd8 ♖axd8 22.♗xc7 ♖d3 23.♘e4=

**17...♘h7 18.♗e3**



**18...h4!N**

18...♘e6

**19.g4 ♖a3**

19...♗c6!? 20.f3 (20.♘xc6 bxc6∞) 20...♖a3 21.b4 (21.♕c1 ♗xd4 22.♗xd4 ♖xb3 23.♘d5 ♖xb1 24.♕xb1 ♗xd5 25.cxd5 ♕g5∓) 21...♘e6 22.♘xe6 ♖xe6∞

**20.f4**

20.♕c1 ♗xd4 21.♗xd4 ♖xb3 22.♕h6 (22.♘d5 ♖xb1 23.♕xb1 c6 24.♘b6 ♘e6 25.♗a1 c5∞) 22...♘e6 23.♖xb3 ♘xd4 24.♖xb7 g5! 25.♖eb1 ♖e6 26.♖b8 ♗c8 27.♕h5 ♔g7 28.♘d5 ♖h6 29.♖1b7! ♖xh5 30.♖xc7 ♕e8 31.♖cxc8 ♕e5+ 32.♔h1 ♘f6 33.gxh5 ♘xd5 34.cxd5 ♕f4 35.♖g8+ ♔h7 36.♖h8+ ♔g7 37.♖hg8+=

**20...♗xd4 21.♕xd4 ♘xb3**

21...♖xb3 22.♖xb3 ♘xb3 23.♕d1 (23.♕d3 ♗c6 24.♘d5 ♘c5 25.♕c2 g5!∞) 23...♘c5 24.e5 (24.g5 ♗e6 25.♗f1 c6∞) 24...♗c6∞

**22.♕d3 ♘c5 23.♕c2**

23.♗xc5 dxc5 24.♖bd1 ♘f8 25.♕c2 ♘e6 26.♕c1 (26.e5 ♘d4 27.♕c1 ♖a6∞ 28.♗xb7 ♗c6! 29.♗xa6 ♘f3+ 30.♔h1 ♘xe1+ 31.♘d5 ♕a8 32.♗b5 ♗xb5 33.cxb5 ♖d8 34.♕xc5 ♕a2 35.♘f6+ ♔g7 36.♖xe1 ♖d3 37.♘e8+ ♔g8 38.♘f6+ ♔g7=) 26...♖xc3 27.♕xc3 ♘xf4 28.♕d2 ♘xg2 29.♔xg2 ♖e7 30.♕g5 ♕e8 31.♕xh4 ♗a4 32.♖d3 ♖xe4 33.♖d8 ♖xe1 34.♖xe8+ ♖xe8=

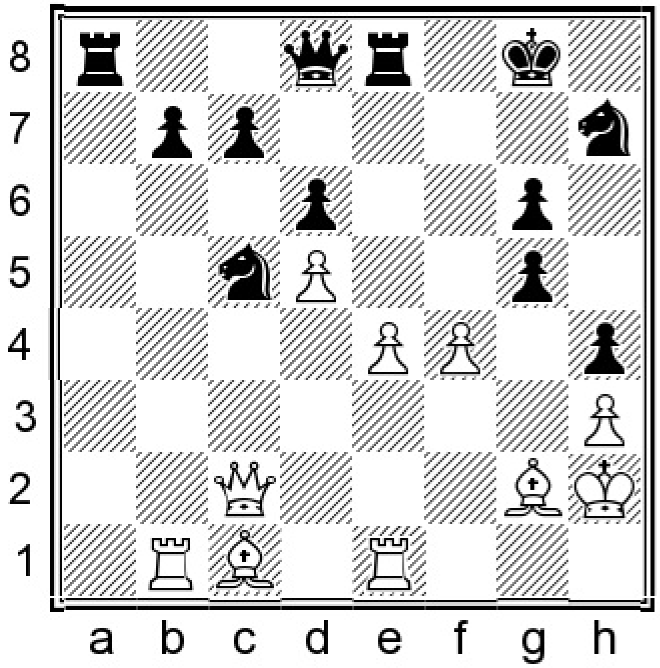
**23...♗c6 24.♗c1 ♖a8?**

24...♗a4! 25.♕d2 ♖b3 26.♗b2 g5 27.♘xa4 ♘xa4 28.♗f6 (28.♗a1 ♖xb1 29.♖xb1 gxf4 30.♕xf4 ♘c5∞) 28...♖xh3+ 29.♔xh3 ♕xf6⯹

**25.g5 f6?**

25...♗a4 26.♕e2 ♗c6 27.♗b2 ♘xg5 28.fxg5 ♕xg5 29.♕f3 f5 30.♗c1 ♕e7 31.♔g1±

**26.♘d5 ♗xd5 27.cxd5 fxg5**



27...♕d7 28.♗b2 ♕a4 29.♕c3 ♕a5 30.♕e3 ♕a6 31.♖ed1+-

**28.e5!+- ♕e7 29.♕xg6+**

29.♗b2! gxf4 (29...dxe5 30.fxe5+- (30.♗xe5+-)) 30.♕xg6+ ♕g7 31.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 32.exd6+ ♔f7 33.dxc7+-

**29...♕g7 30.♕xg7+**

30.♕c2 gxf4 31.♖g1! ♕g3+ (31...♖xe5 32.♗xf4+-) 32.♔h1 ♔h8 33.exd6+-

**30...♔xg7 31.e6 gxf4 32.♗xf4 ♘d3 33.♖f1 b6?**

33...♖f8 34.♗d2 ♖xf1 35.♖xf1 ♘e5 36.♗e1±

**34.♗e3+- ♖f8 35.♖xf8 ♖xf8 36.♗d4+**

36.♗e4 ♘e5 37.♖g1+ ♔h8 38.♗h6 ♖f2+ 39.♔h1

**36...♔h6 37.♗e3+ ♘g5 38.♖f1 1-0**

**186. E68**
**Kovalenko, Igor (2651) - Antoniewski, Rafal (2493)**
**Polska 151/186, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.♘c3 e5 4.♘f3 ♘bd7 5.g3 g6 6.♗g2 ♗g7 7.O-O O-O 8.e4 exd4 9.♘xd4 ♖e8 10.♖e1 ♘c5 11.h3 a5 12.♘db5 ♗d7 13.♕c2**

13.♗f4 - 135/189

**13...♕c8 14.h4N**

14.♔h2

**14...h6**

14...♕b8!? 15.♖d1 ♘g4 16.f3 ♘e5 17.♗e3 b6∞

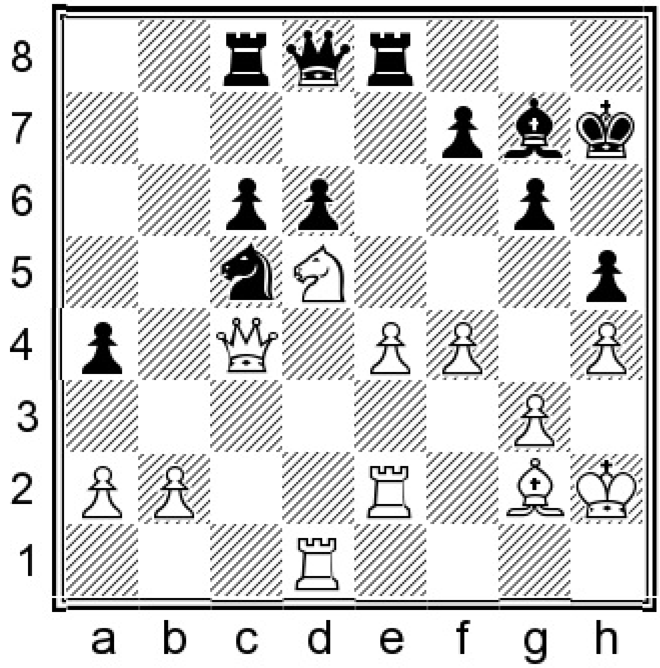
**15.♗e3 ♘g4 16.♘d5**

16.♗xc5 dxc5 17.♖ad1 ♗xb5 18.♘xb5 ♖d8 (18...♘e5? 19.f4 ♘c6 20.e5±) 19.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 20.♕e2 h5 21.♗h3 c6 22.♘c3 a4! 23.a3 ♘e5 24.♖d1 ♕b6 25.f4 ♘xc4 26.e5 (26.♕xc4 ♗d4+ 27.♖xd4 (27.♔g2 ♕xb2+ 28.♘e2 ♖d8 29.e5 ♖d5∞) 27...cxd4 28.♘d1 ♕b3 29.♕xb3 axb3∞) 26...♕b3∞

**16...♘xe3 17.♖xe3 ♗xb5 18.cxb5± ♕d8 19.♖d1 h5**

19...c6 20.♘f4 cxb5 (20...♕c7 21.♕c4±) 21.♗f1 ♕b6 (21...b4 22.♗b5 ♖e5 23.♗c4±) 22.♘d5 ♕c6 23.h5 g5 24.♕e2±

**20.♖e2 a4 21.♕c4 ♔h7 22.♔h2 ♖c8 23.f4± c6 24.bxc6 bxc6**



**25.♘b4**

25.♘c3! ♕e7 (25...♖a8 26.e5+-) 26.♘xa4 ♘e6 27.♕d3±

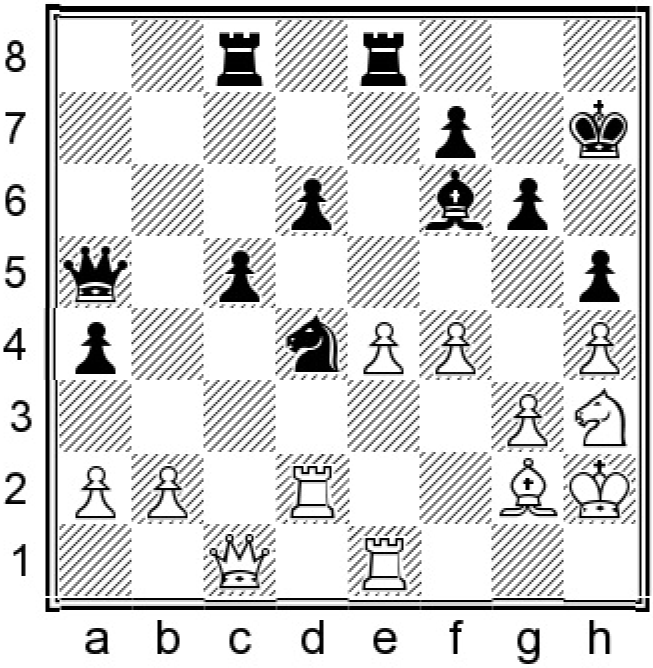
**25...♕e7 26.♖dd2?!**

26.e5! dxe5 (26...d5 27.♕c1 f5 28.♖c2 ♗f8 29.♕e3±) 27.♘xc6 ♕c7 28.♕xc5 exf4 29.♖ed2±

**26...♘e6 27.♘d3**

27.e5 dxe5 28.fxe5 (28.♘xc6 exf4 29.♕xf4! ♘xf4 30.♖xe7 ♘xg2 31.♖xe8 ♖xe8 32.♔xg2∞) 28...c5 29.♘d5 ♕f8∞

**27...♘d4 28.♖e1 ♕a7 29.♕c1 ♕a5 30.♘f2 c5 31.♘h3 ♗f6?!**



31...c4 32.♘g5+ ♔g8 33.♖e3 ♗f6 34.♕d1 ♕c5∞

**32.♖f1! ♔g7 33.♖df2 ♖c7**

33...♕d8 34.e5! ♗e7 35.f5! ♘xf5 36.♕c2 dxe5 37.♖xf5 gxf5 38.♕xf5 ♗f6 39.♘g5 ♖h8 40.♗d5!±

**34.f5 ♗e5 35.♘f4**

35.fxg6! fxg6 36.♘g5 ♖ee7 37.♕c4 ♕a7 38.♖f8+-

**35...gxf5?**

35...♗xf4 36.♕xf4 ♘c6 37.♖d2 ♘e5 38.♖xd6±

**36.♘xh5+ ♔h7 37.♗h3**

37.exf5 f6 38.♕d1 ♔g8 39.♕g4+ ♔f8 40.♗d5+-

**37...♕a8 38.♖xf5! ♕xe4**

38...♘xf5 39.♗xf5+ ♔g8 40.♕h6 f6 41.♕g6+ ♔f8 42.♘xf6 ♖g7 43.♕h6+-

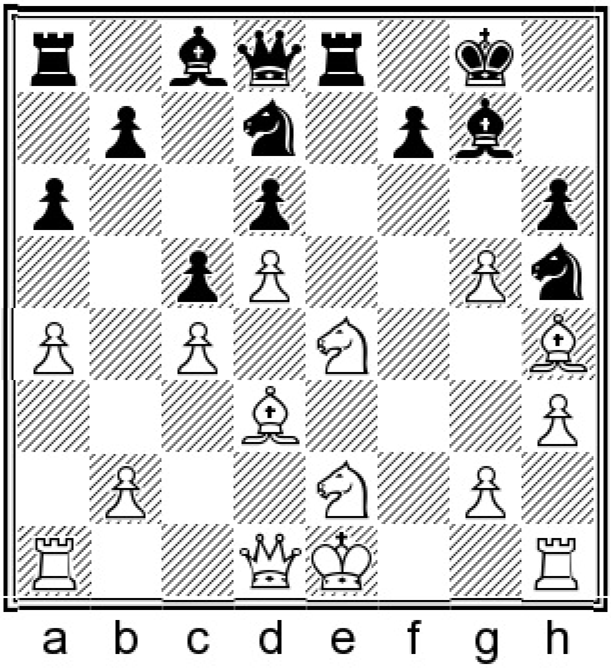
**39.♕g5 ♕c2+ 40.♔h1 ♕c4 41.♖xe5! 1-0**

**187. !N E71**
**Naymanova, Patricie (1782) - Velickovic, Sasa (2235)**
**Beograd 151/187, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.♘c3 d6 5.e4 ♗g7 6.h3 O-O 7.♗g5 e6 8.♗d3 exd5 9.exd5 ♖e8+ 10.♘ge2 ♘bd7 11.f4 a6 12.a4 h6 13.♗h4 g5**

13...♘f8 - 34/697

**14.fxg5 ♘h5 15.♘e4**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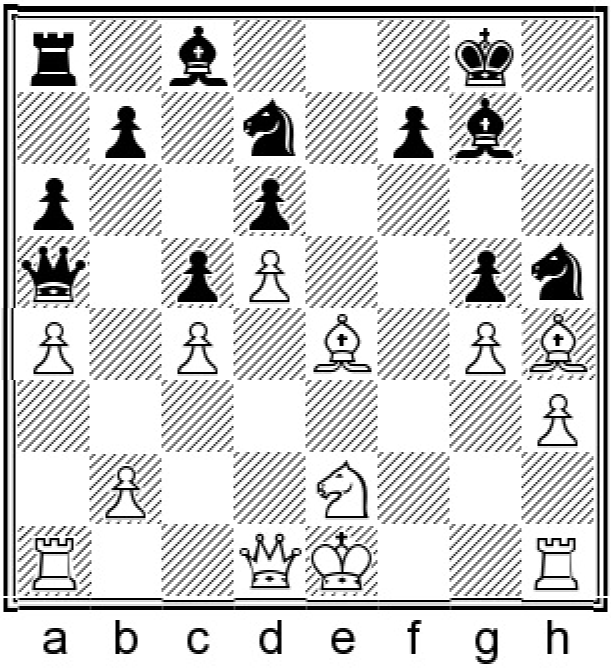
**15...♖xe4!!N**

15...♘e5 16.O-O+-

**16.♗xe4 hxg5 17.g4!**

17.♗f2 ♗xb2♾

**17...♕a5+!?**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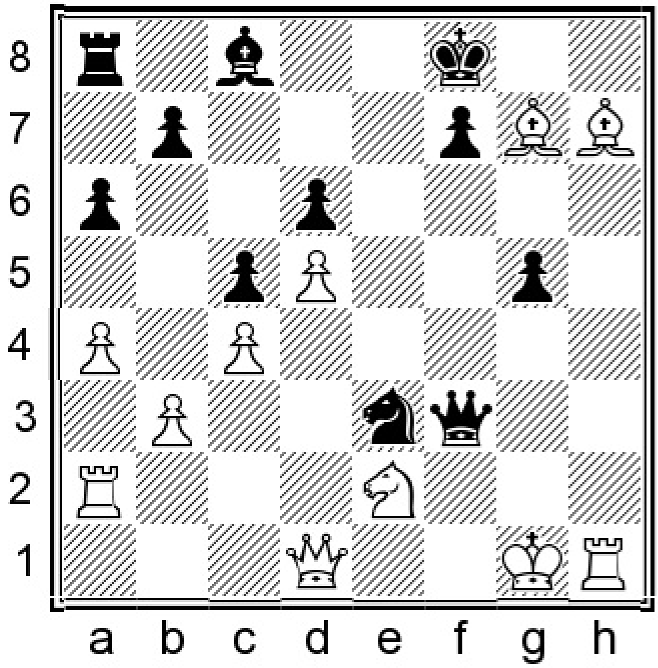
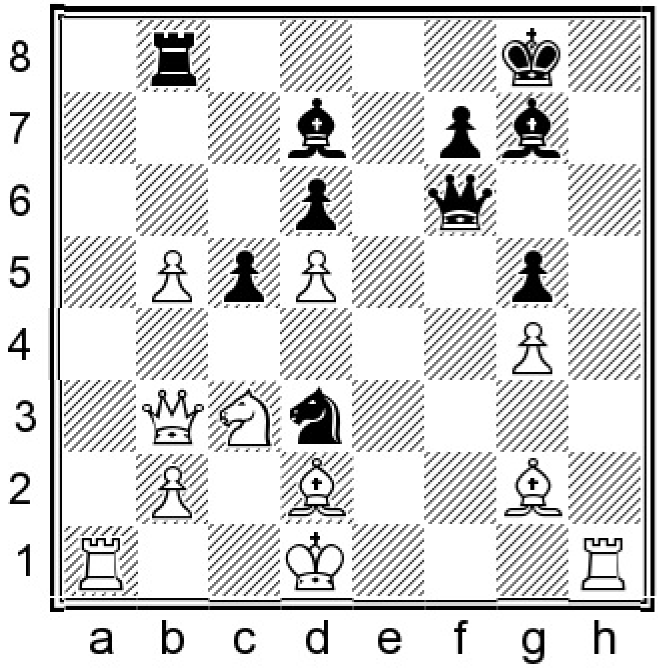
17...gxh4 18.gxh5 ♗xb2♾

**18.♕d2??**

18.♔f1!! ♘hf6 19.♗e1!! ♕d8!? (19...♕b6⇄) 20.♗d3! (20.♗c2 ♘e5 21.b3 ♘exg4!! (21...♗xg4!?) 22.hxg4 ♘xg4=∞ 23.♔g1 ♕f6 24.♕d3 (24.♗h7+ ♔f8 25.♖a2 ♘e3 26.♗c3 ♕f3 27.♗xg7+



27...♔e8!!-+) 24...♕xa1 25.♕h7+ (25.♔f1 ♗f5!!-+; 25.♖h8+ ♗xh8-+) 25...♔f8 26.♔g2 ♕e5 (26...♘e3+ 27.♔f2 ♘xc2?? 28.♗c3!!+-) 27.♗d3 ♘e3+-+; 20.♗g2 ♘e5 21.♕b3 ♖b8 22.♘c3 ♗d7 23.♗d2 b5!!=∞ 24.axb5 (24.cxb5 axb5 25.a5 b4 26.♘e4 ♗b5+ 27.♔g1 ♘xe4 (27...♘c4 28.♗xg5 ♘xe4! 29.♗xd8 ♗d4+ 30.♔h2 ♗e5+=) 28.♗xe4 ♘c4=∞↑) 24...axb5 25.cxb5 (25.♘xb5 ♘xc4!-+; 25.♗xg5 bxc4 26.♕c2 ♘fxg4!! 27.♕d2 ♖xb2!!-+) 25...♘fxg4!! 26.hxg4 ♕f6+ 27.♔e1 ♘d3+ 28.♔d1



28...c4!! 29.♘e4 (29.♕c2 ♗xg4+ 30.♘e2 ♗xe2+ 31.♔xe2 ♕f2+ 32.♔d1 ♕xg2-+) 29...♗xg4+ 30.♔c2 cxb3+-+) 20...♘e5⇄

**18...♕xd2+ 19.♔xd2 ♘hf6-+ 20.♗f5 gxh4 21.g5 ♘h7 22.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 23.♖af1 ♘e5 24.b3 b5 25.♖f4 ♔g8 26.cxb5 axb5 27.♘c3 ♘g6 28.♖e4 ♗f5 29.♖e2 bxa4 30.bxa4 ♗e5 31.♖f2 ♘e7 32.♖a1 ♗xh3 33.a5 ♘xd5 34.♘xd5 ♗xa1 35.♘e7+ ♔g7 0-1**

**188. * E71**
**Erigaisi, Arjun (2634) - Pranav, Anand (2430)**
**Yerevan 151/188, 2021**

**1.c4 g6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 O-O 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.g4 ♘c5 9.♗g2**

9.f3 - 148/193

**9...a5 10.♘ge2 c6 11.♘g3 ♗d7N 12.♕d2**

12.g5 ♘e8 13.h4 cxd5 14.♘xd5 ♖b8 15.h5±

**12...a4N**

12...cxd5 - 151/(188) 13.exd5 (13.♗xc5 dxc5 14.exd5 ♘e8 15.g5 f5 16.gxf6 ♕xf6 17.♘ge4 ♕h4 18.♕e3 b6∞) 13...♘e8 (13...♖c8 14.O-O ♘e8 15.g5 f5 16.gxf6 ♘xf6∞) 14.g5 f5 15.gxf6 ♘xf6 16.f3 ♘h5 17.♘ge4 ♘xe4 18.♘xe4 ♗f5 19.♗g5 ♕b6 20.♗e3 ♕d8 21.♗g5 ♕b6 22.♗e3 1/2 (22) Danada,T (2308)-Madar,M (2047) Piestany 151/(188) 2021

**13.O-O**

13.g5 ♘e8 14.h4 ♕a5 (14...f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.dxc6 ♗xc6 (16...bxc6 17.♗xc5 dxc5 18.O-O-O±) 17.♗d5+ ♗xd5 18.♕xd5+ ♔h8 19.O-O-O±) 15.h5±

**13...cxd5 14.exd5 ♕b6?!**

14...♘e8 15.♗xc5 (15.g5 ♖c8=) 15...dxc5 16.♘ge4 b6 17.d6 ♖b8 18.g5 f5 19.gxf6 ♘xf6 20.♖ad1 ♘xe4 21.♘xe4 ♖f4 22.♕d5+ ♔h8 23.♖fe1 ♕h4∞

**15.g5 ♘e8 16.♘ce4± f5**

16...♘xe4 17.♘xe4 ♕d8 18.c5±

**17.gxf6 ♘xf6 18.♘xc5 dxc5 19.♖fe1 ♕d6 20.♗g5**

20.b4 axb3 21.axb3 b6 22.h4±

**20...b6 21.♖e2 ♖ae8 22.♖ae1 ♗f5 23.b3 axb3 24.axb3 h5 25.♗h6 ♘d7 26.♗xg7 ♔xg7 27.♕g5 ♔h7 28.♖a1**

28.f4! ♖e7 29.♔h1 ♔h8 30.♖e3+-

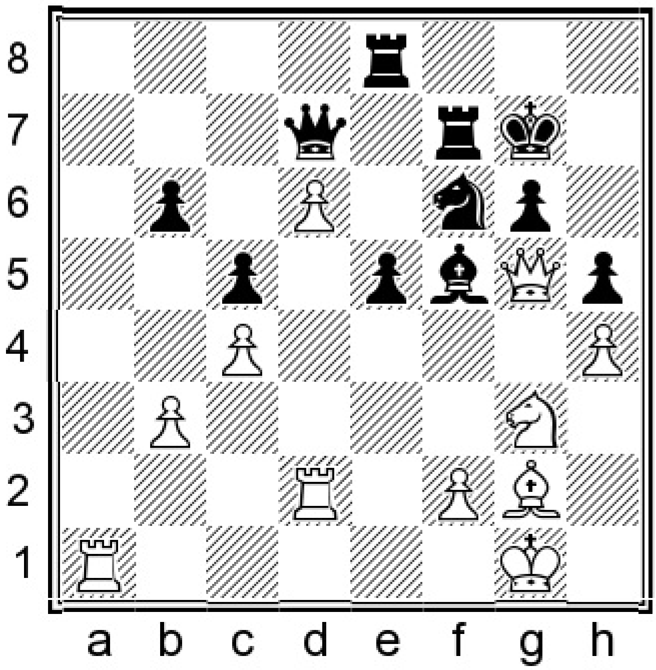
**28...♕b8 29.♘e4 ♔g7 30.d6 ♕d8 31.h4 ♖f7**

31...♗g4 32.♖ea2 ♕xg5 33.♘xg5 ♖f6 34.f3 ♗f5 35.♖d2+-

**32.♖d2 ♘f6 33.♘g3**

33.d7 ♖xd7 (33...♗xd7 34.♘d6+-; 33...♘xe4 34.dxe8=♕ ♕xe8 35.♗xe4 ♗xe4 36.♖d6+-) 34.♘xf6 ♕xf6 35.♖xd7+ ♗xd7 36.♖a7 ♖e7 37.♗c6+-

**33...♕d7**



**34.♗c6! ♕xc6 35.♘xf5+ ♔h8 36.♘e7**

36.♘h6 ♖ff8 37.♖a7+-

**36...♕f3 37.♖a7 ♘h7 38.♕xe5+**

38.d7 ♖fxe7 (38...♖exe7 39.d8=♕+ ♔g7 40.♖a8+-) 39.dxe8=♕+ ♖xe8 40.♖xh7+ ♔xh7 41.♖d7++-

**38...♕f6 39.d7 ♖d8 40.♕xf6+ ♘xf6 41.♘xg6+ ♔h7 42.♘e5 ♖g7+ 43.♔f1 ♔g8 44.♖d6 ♘e4 45.♖e6 ♘d2+ 1-0**

**189. E71**
**Kanarek, Marcel (2481) - Bobras, Piotr (2500)**
**Polska 151/189, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 O-O 6.♗e3 ♘a6 7.g4 e5 8.d5 ♘c5 9.♗g2**

9.f3 - 145/191

**9...c6 10.♘ge2 cxd5 11.cxd5 h5N**

11...♗d7; 11...a5

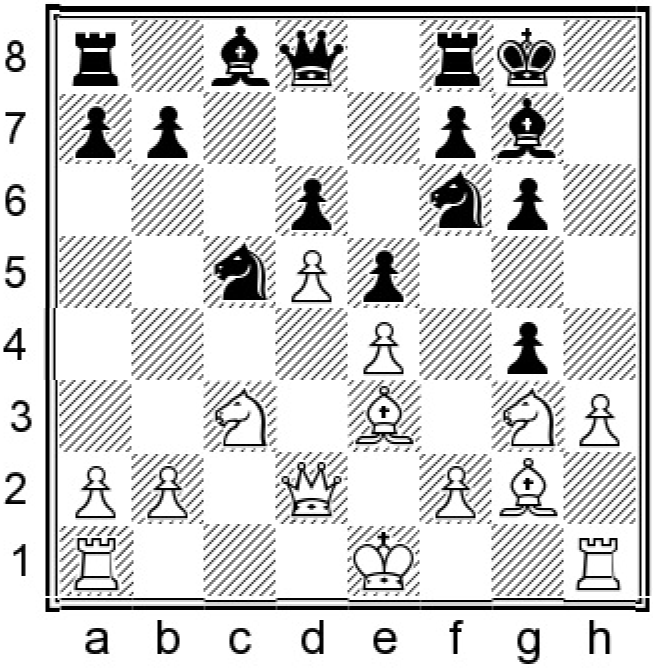
**12.♕d2?!**

12.g5 ♘h7 13.♕d2 f6 14.gxf6 ♕xf6 15.b4 ♘a6∞; 12.f3 ♘e8 13.gxh5 ♕h4+ 14.♗f2 ♕xh5 15.♘g3

♕h6 16.h4 f5∞

**12...hxg4 13.hxg4**

13.♘g3



13...b5! 14.hxg4 b4 15.♘d1 ♘xg4 16.♗xc5 dxc5 17.f3 ♘f6 18.♘e3 ♘e8 19.♘c4 ♘d6∓

**13...♘xg4 14.♗xc5 dxc5 15.d6 ♗e6∓ 16.♘b5 ♕b6**

16...♗f6 17.♘c7 ♗h4 (17...♗g5 18.♕c3 ♕xd6 19.♘xa8 ♖xa8∓) 18.♘g3 ♕f6 19.♘xa8 ♖xa8∓

**17.♘ec3 ♖ad8 18.♗h3**

18.♖d1 ♘f6 19.♘c7 ♗g4 20.f3 ♗h5 21.b3 ♕c6 22.♘7d5 ♕xd6 23.♕e3 b5 (23...c4 24.bxc4 ♕a3∓) 24.♘xb5 ♘xd5 25.♖xd5 ♕a6-+

**18...a6 19.♗xg4**

19.♘c7 ♖xd6 20.♘3d5 ♗xd5 21.♘xd5 ♖xd5 22.exd5 ♘f6 23.♗g2 ♘e8-+

**19...axb5 20.♕g5**

20.♗xe6 fxe6 21.♖d1 b4 22.♘e2 c4-+

**20...b4?**

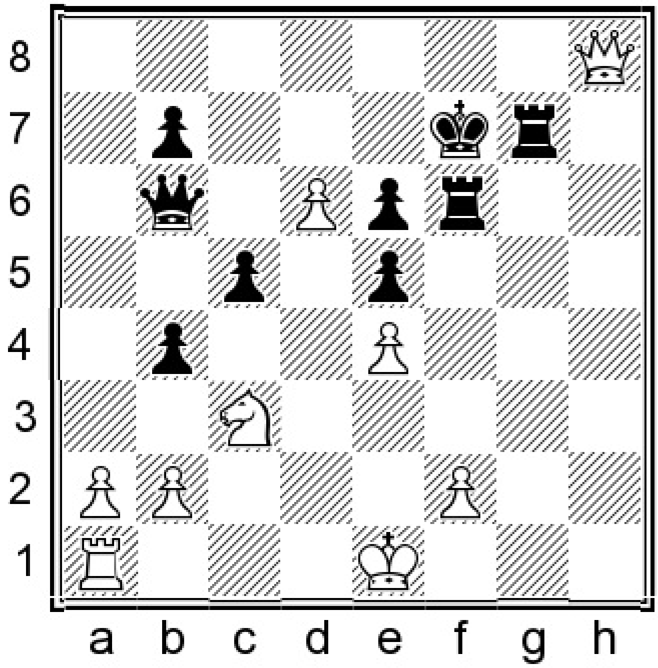
20...♖xd6 21.♗xe6 ♖xe6 22.♘d5 ♕d8∓

**21.♗xe6 fxe6 22.♕xg6 ♖f6**

22...♖f7 23.♖h7 ♕xd6 24.♖d1 ♕e7 25.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 26.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 27.♕xe6+ ♖f7 (27...♔h8 28.♘d5 ♕g5 29.♕h3+ ♔g8 30.♕c8+ ♔h7 31.♕h3+ ♔g6 32.♕e6+ ♔h5 33.♕e8+ ♔h6 34.♕e6+ ♖g6 35.♕e8

♖g8 36.♕e6+ ♖g6 37.♕e8=) 28.♕g4+ ♖g7 29.♕e6+=

**23.♕h7+ ♔f8 24.♖g1 ♖d7 25.♖xg7! ♖xg7 26.♕h8+ ♔f7**



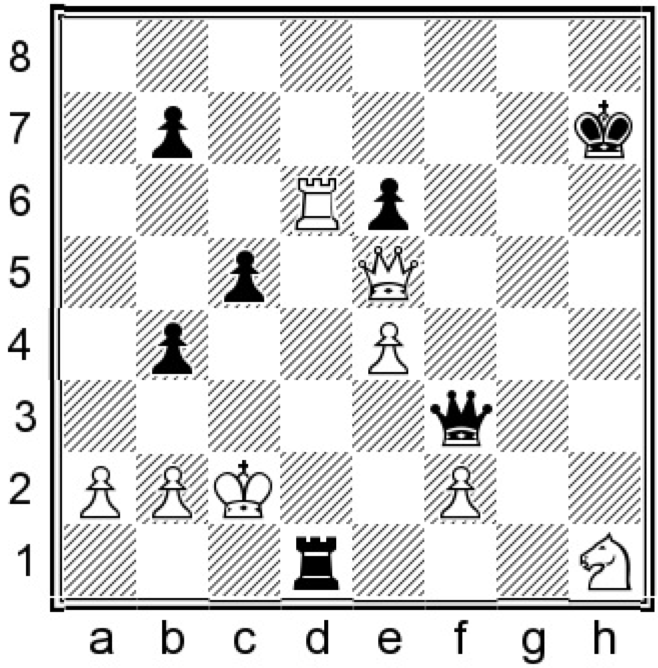
**27.♘e2?**

27.O-O-O! bxc3 28.bxc3 ♖xf2 (28...♖g8 29.♕h7+ ♖g7 30.♕h8=) 29.♕h5+ ♖g6 30.♕h7+ ♖g7 31.♕h5+ ♖g6 32.♕h7+=

**27...♕xd6 28.♖d1 ♕f8 29.♕h5+ ♔g8-+ 30.♕xe5 ♖h6**

30...♖xf2 31.♕xe6+ ♔h8 32.♕h6+ ♖h7

**31.♘g3 ♕f3 32.♖d8+ ♔h7 33.♖d6 ♖h1+ 34.♘xh1 ♖g1+ 35.♔d2 ♖d1+ 36.♔c2**



**36...b3+!**

36...b3+ 37.axb3 ♕e2+ 38.♔c3 ♖c1#

**0-1**

**190. * E73**
**Nesterov, Arseniy (2512) - Pridorozhni, Aleksei (2564)**
**Khanty-Mansiysk 151/190, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 O-O 5.♗e2 d6 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.g4 ♘c5 9.f3 h5 10.g5 ♘h7 11.h4 a5 12.♕d2 f6**

12...f5 - 25/736

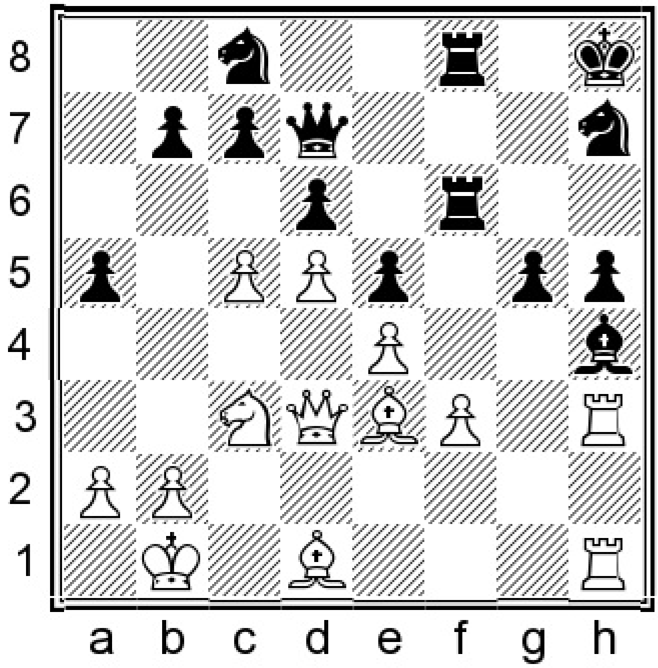
**13.gxf6 ♗xf6 14.O-O-O ♗xh4 15.♘h3 ♔h8 16.♖dg1 ♗xh3 17.♖xh3**

17.♖xg6 ♗d7 18.f4 ♖xf4 19.♗xf4 ♗e8! 20.♗xh5 ♗xg6 21.♗xg6 exf4 22.♗xh7 ♔xh7 23.♔c2 ♕g5 24.♕f2 ♖f8 25.♖xh4+ ♔g6∞

**17...g5?!N**

17...♖g8 - 151/(190) 18.f4 exf4 19.♗xf4 ♗f6 20.♖hg3N (20.♕e3 ♕e7∓) 20...g5? (20...h4 21.♖xg6 ♖xg6 22.♖xg6 ♕e7 23.e5 ♗xe5 24.♗xe5+ ♕xe5 25.♕h6 ♖g8 26.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 27.♕xh4 ♘f6=) 21.♗xh5 gxf4 22.♖xg8+ ♕xg8 23.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 24.♔c2 ♗e5 25.♕f2± Nesterov,A (2482)-Pavlov,D (2360) Russia (rapid) 151/(190) 2021

**18.♔c2 ♘d7 19.♗d1 ♘b6 20.♕d3 ♖f6 21.♔b1 ♕d7 22.♖gh1 ♖af8 23.c5 ♘c8**



**24.c6! bxc6 25.dxc6 ♕xc6 26.♗xg5!**

26.♘d5!? ♖6f7 27.f4! exf4 (27...♖xf4 28.♘xf4 exf4 29.♗d4+ ♘f6 30.♖xh4 gxh4 31.♖xh4+-) 28.♗d4+ ♔g8 29.♖xh4+-

**26...♗xg5**

26...♘xg5 27.♖xh4 ♖h6 28.f4 ♖xf4 29.♖xh5 ♖xh5 30.♖xh5+ ♘h7 31.♕h3+-

**27.♖xh5 ♖h6 28.♖xh6 ♗xh6 29.♖xh6 ♘e7**

29...♘b6 30.♕d2 ♕d7 31.♕h2 ♕g7 32.♖h3 ♖g8 33.♘e2 ♘c4 34.♘g3±

**30.♘d5 ♕d7 31.♗a4!?**

31.♘xe7 ♕xe7 32.♖h1 ♕f7 33.♕c3±

**31...♕d8**

31...♕xa4 32.♘xe7 ♕d4 33.♕xd4 exd4 34.♖h3 (34.♖g6±) 34...♖f7 35.♘f5±

**32.f4! ♖f7**

32...exf4? 33.♕d4+ ♔g8 34.♘xe7+ ♕xe7 35.♖g6+ ♔f7 36.♕g7#

**33.fxe5 dxe5 34.a3 ♕g8 35.♘xe7 ♖xe7 36.♗b3 ♕g1+ 37.♔a2 ♕d4 38.♕f3 ♔g7 39.♖xh7+**

39.♖xh7+ ♔xh7 40.♕h5+ ♔g7 41.♕g5++-

**1-0**

**191. E73**
**Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Grischuk, Alexander (2764)**
**Berlin 151/191, 2022**

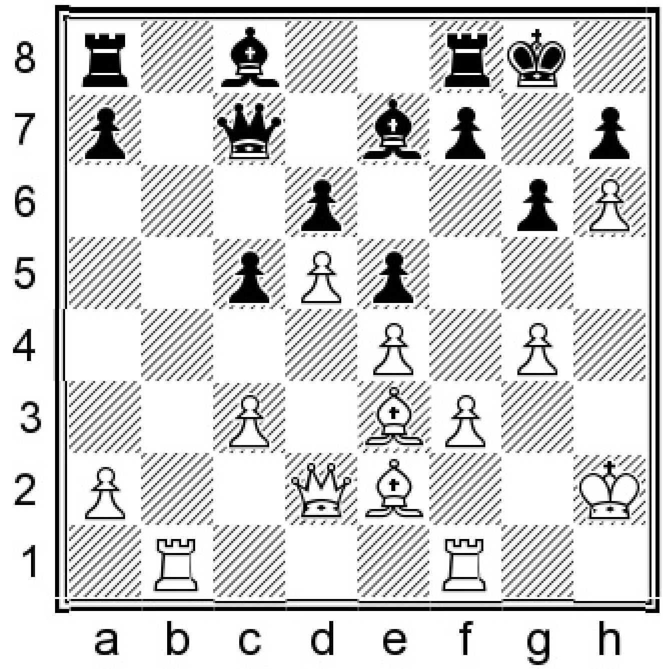
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.h4 ♘c5 9.♕c2 c6 10.h5 cxd5 11.cxd5 ♕a5 12.h6 ♗h8 13.f3 ♗d7 14.♖b1 ♘a4 15.♕d2 ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♕c7**

16...b6 - 148/196

**17.g4N**

17.c4 b6 18.g4 ♗c8 19.♘h3 ♘d7 20.♘f2 ♘c5∞

**17...♗c8 18.♘h3 ♘d7 19.♘f2 ♗f6 20.O-O ♗e7 21.♔h2 ♘c5 22.♘d3 b6 23.♘xc5 bxc5**



**24.f4! exf4 25.♗xf4 ♗d7 26.c4?!**

26.g5 ♖ae8 27.♕e3 f5 28.gxf6 ♗xf6 29.♔g1 c4 30.♖b4 a5 31.♖xc4 ♕b8=∞; 26.♖f2 ♖ae8 27.♗g3 f6 28.c4 ♖f7 29.♕e3 ♗c8 30.♖bf1±

**26...♖ab8?!**

26...♗f6! 27.♕e3 ♖ad8 28.♕g3 ♗c8 29.g5±

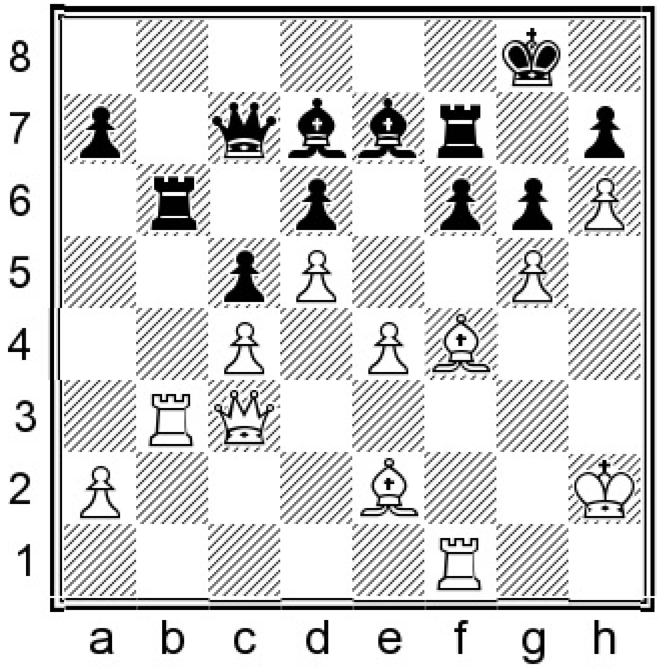
**27.♕c3 f6 28.♖b3**

28.g5! ♖xb1 29.♖xb1 ♗c8 30.♔g1 ♖f7 31.♗g3 fxg5 32.e5 dxe5 33.♕xe5 ♕xe5 34.♗xe5±

**28...♖b6??**

28...♖f7

**29.g5! ♖f7**



**30.♗c1! ♕d8 31.♗b2 ♕f8 32.♔g2 ♗d8 33.♕f3**

33.♖xb6 axb6 34.♖f4 ♗c8 35.♗f1 ♗d7 36.♔g1 ♗c8 37.♗g2 ♗d7 38.♖f2 ♗c8 39.♗h3 ♗xh3 40.♕xh3 fxg5 41.♕e6 g4 42.♗g7 ♕e7 43.♖f6+-

**33...♗c8 34.♕e3 ♖xb3 35.axb3 fxg5 36.♕c3 ♖xf1 37.♕h8+ ♔f7 38.♕xh7+ ♔e8 39.♕xg6+ ♔e7**

39...♕f7 40.♕xf7+ ♖xf7 41.♗h5+-; 39...♖f7 40.♗h5 ♔e7 41.♕xf7+ ♕xf7 42.♗xf7 ♔xf7 43.h7+-

**40.♕xg5+ ♖f6 41.h7 ♔d7 42.♕g8!**

42.♕g8 ♖f2+ 43.♔g1 ♔c7 44.h8=♕+-

**1-0**

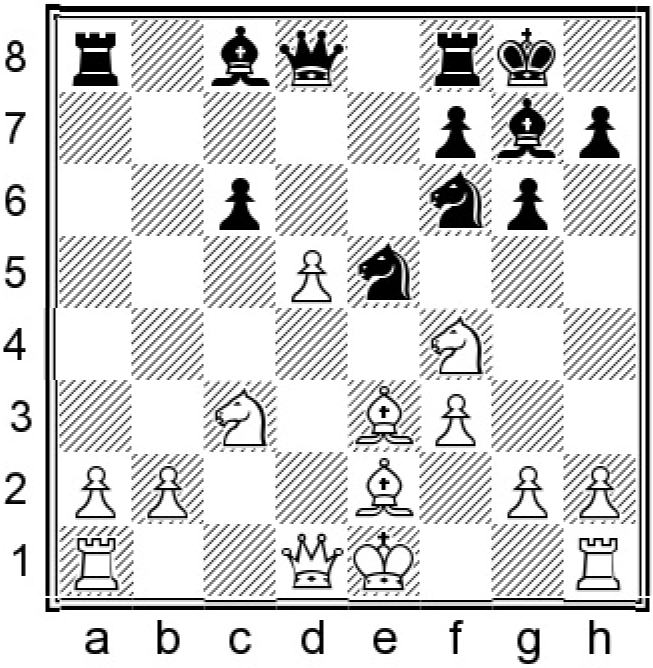
# E75-E99

**192. E81**
**Nikolov, Momchil (2522) - Sethuraman, SP. (2628)**
**Sharjah 151/192, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.♘ge2 a6 7.♗e3 b5 8.cxb5 axb5 9.♘xb5 c6 10.♘bc3 ♘bd7 11.♘f4**

11.♕d2 - 138/(204)

**11...e5 12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.♗e2 d5 14.exd5N**



14.O-O dxe4 15.♕xd8 ♖xd8 16.fxe4 g5 17.♘h3 h6 18.♘f2 ♗e6⯹

**14...g5!**

14...♘xd5 15.♘fxd5 cxd5 16.♕xd5 ♗e6 17.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 18.a4±

**15.♘d3**

15.♘h3 ♗xh3 (15...g4 16.fxg4 ♘fxg4 17.♗f2 ♖b8 18.O-O ♘xf2 19.♘xf2 ♖xb2∓) 16.gxh3 ♘xd5 17.♘xd5 cxd5 18.O-O ♘g6∓

**15...♘xd5**

15...♘xd3+ 16.♗xd3 ♖e8 17.♕d2 ♖b8 18.O-O ♘xd5 19.♘xd5 ♖xb2 20.♕c1 cxd5 21.♗xg5 ♕b6+

22.♔h1 ♗a6∓

**16.♘xd5**

16.♘xe5 ♘xe3 17.♕xd8 ♖xd8 18.♘xc6 ♖d6 19.♘e7+ ♔f8 20.♘xc8 ♖xc8 21.♔f2 ♘f5=∞

**16...♕xd5 17.O-O ♗a6**

⌓17...♘c4 18.♗f2 ♘xb2 19.♘xb2 ♗xb2 20.♕xd5 cxd5 21.♖ad1 ♗e6 22.♖d2 (22.f4 gxf4 23.♗f3 ♖fd8∓) 22...♖fb8∓

**18.♘c1! ♘c4 19.♕xd5 cxd5 20.♗xg5 ♖fe8**

20...♗xb2 21.♖b1 ♖fe8 22.♗d3 ♗d4+ 23.♔h1 ♗e3 24.♗xe3 ♘xe3 25.♖f2 ♘d1 26.♖f1 ♘e3=

**21.♖b1 ♘xb2 22.♗xa6 ♖xa6 23.♗d2 ♖c8= 24.♘b3 ♖xa2 25.♖fc1 ♘c4 26.♗c3 ♗h6**

26...♗xc3 27.♖xc3 ♖b8 28.♖bc1 ♖b4 29.♘d4 ♖d2 30.♘b3 ♖a2 31.♘d4 ♖d2=

**27.♖a1 ♖e2 28.♖e1**

28.♘d4 ♗xc1 29.♘xe2 ♗e3+ 30.♔f1 ♗c5=

**28...♗e3+ 29.♔h1 ♖xe1+ 30.♖xe1 f5 31.g3 ♖b8 32.♘d4 ♗xd4 33.♗xd4 ♖b3 34.♖e7 ♖xf3 35.♖g7+ ♔f8 36.♖xh7 ♘e3 1/2-1/2**

**193. * E90**
**Martirosyan, Haik M (2633) - Erigaisi, Arjun (2633)**
**chess.com (Int.-rapid) 151/193, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 g6 4.♘c3 ♗g7 5.e4 d6 6.h3 O-O 7.♘f3 e6 8.♗d3 exd5 9.exd5 ♖e8+ 10.♗e3 ♖xe3+ 11.fxe3 ♘bd7 12.O-O ♕e7 13.♕d2 b6**

13...♘h5 - 142/196

**14.♖f2N**

14.a4; 14.♕f2

**14...♗b7N**

14...♗a6 15.♖af1 Ibrahimli,M (2418)-Korchmar,V (2450) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 151/(193) 2022 15...♖f8 16.b3 ♘e5 (16...♗h6 17.♕e1 ♘h5 18.♖e2 ♘e5 19.♘xe5 ♕xe5 20.♖f3 f5=∞) 17.♘xe5 ♕xe5 18.♖f3 ♕e7 19.g4 ♗c8=∞

**15.♖af1 ♖f8 16.e4 ♘e5 17.♘xe5 ♕xe5 18.♗c2**

18.♕f4 ♘d7 19.♘b5 ♕xf4 20.♖xf4 ♗e5 21.g3 a6 22.♘c3

**18...♗a6! 19.♕d3**

19.b3 ♘d7 20.♘e2 ♗c8 21.a4 h5 22.♕f4 ♕e7=∞

**19...h5⩱**

19...♕e7 20.b3 ♘d7 21.♔h1 ♕g5 22.a4 ♗d4⩱ 23.♖c1

**20.♖f4?!**

20.b3 ♘d7 21.♘e2 ♕g5 22.a4 ♗c8 23.♔h1 h4 24.♕f3 ♗e5⩱

**20...♘d7 21.♔h1**

21.♗a4 ♕d4+ 22.♕xd4 ♗xd4+ 23.♔h1 ♘e5 24.♘b5 ♗xb2 25.♖4f2 ♗d4⩱

**21...♕e7**

21...♕d4!? 22.♕xd4 cxd4 23.♘b5 ♗xb5 24.cxb5 ♗h6 25.♖4f2 ♘e5∓

**22.♗b3?!**

22.b3 ♗e5 23.♖4f3 ♗d4 24.♕d2 ♘e5 25.♖f4 ♘g4 26.♖4f3 ♘e5=

**22...♗e5**

22...♘e5 23.♕e2 ♕g5 24.a4 ♕g3∓

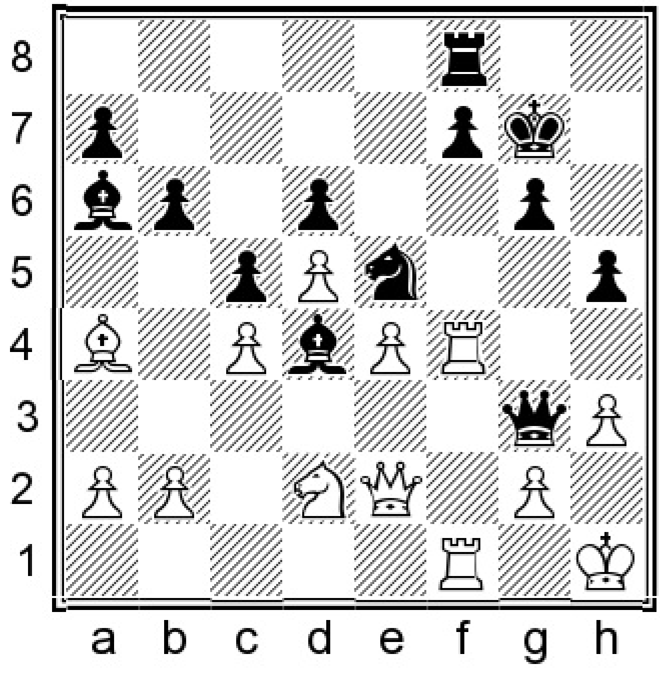
**23.♖4f3 ♗d4 24.♕e2 ♘e5 25.♖f4 ♕g5 26.♘b1?**

26.♔h2 h4 27.♔h1 ♕g3 28.♘b5 ♗xb5 29.cxb5 ♕d3∓

**26...♕g3 27.♘d2 ♔g7**

27...♗xb2 28.♕f2 ♕g5 29.h4 ♕h6∓

**28.♗a4**



**28...♘g4! 29.♘f3**

29.hxg4? ♕h4#; 29.♖xg4 hxg4 30.♕e1 ♕d3-+

**29...♕xf4-+ 30.hxg4 hxg4 31.♘xd4**

31.♘h2 ♕e5 32.♕xg4 ♖h8 33.♕f4 ♕xf4 34.♖xf4 ♗xc4

**31...♕h6+ 32.♔g1 g3 33.♖xf7+**

33.♘f3 ♖h8

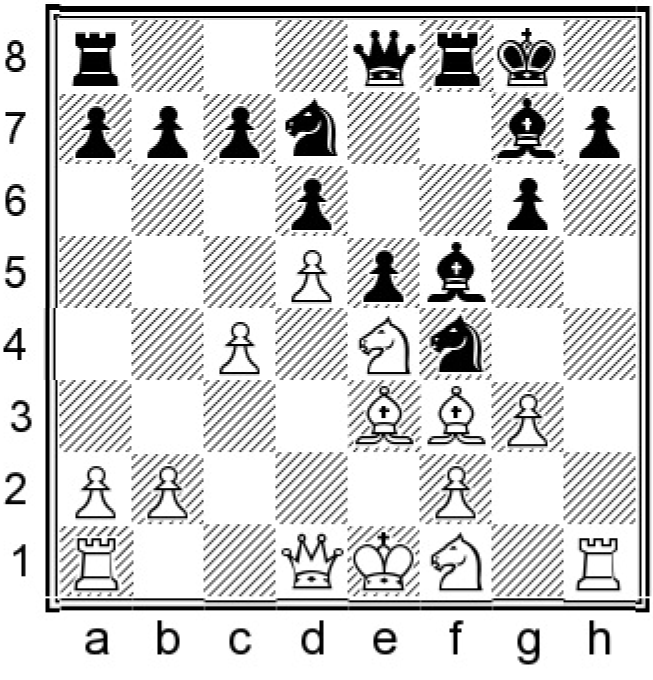
**33...♖xf7 34.♘f3 ♕c1+ 35.♕f1 ♕xf1+ 36.♔xf1 ♗xc4+ 37.♔e1 ♗xa2 38.♔e2 ♖e7 39.♘g5 ♗xd5 40.♔f3 ♖e5 1-0**

**194. E90**
**Bregadze, Levan (2448) - Matros, Alexander (2372)**
**Charlotte 151/194, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.h3 e5 7.d5 ♘h5 8.♘h2 ♕e8 9.♗e2 ♘f4 10.♗f3 f5 11.g3 ♘xh3 12.♗g2 fxe4 13.♘xe4**

13.♗e3 - 57/(586)

**13...♗f5 14.♗e3 ♘f4! 15.♗f3 ♘d7∓ 16.♘f1N**



16.♕d2 ♗xe4 17.♗xe4 ♘f6 18.♗f3 (18.♕c2 c6-+) 18...e4 19.O-O-O (19.gxf4 exf3 20.♘xf3 ♕e4 21.♕e2 ♘g4-+) 19...♘d3+ 20.♔b1 ♘xb2-+; 16.g4 ♗xe4 17.♗xe4 ♘f6 18.♗c2 ♘g2+ 19.♔e2 ♘xe3 20.fxe3 e4-+; 16.♕c2 ♘f6 17.O-O-O ♘xe4 18.♗xe4 ♗xe4 19.♕xe4 ♘e2+ 20.♔b1 ♘d4∓

**16...b5! 17.cxb5**

17.b3 ♕f7 18.♖h2 a5-+

**17...♘f6**

17...♗xe4 18.♗xe4 ♘f6 19.♘d2 (19.♗f3 e4-+) 19...♕xb5-+

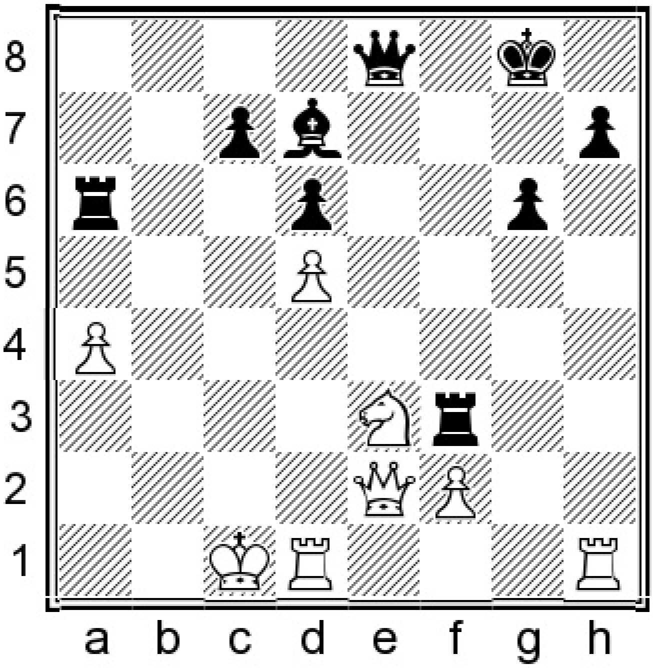
**18.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 19.gxf4 exf4 20.♕e2 fxe3 21.♘xe3 ♗d7**

21...♗e4 22.♖h3 ♗xb2 23.♕xb2 ♗xf3 24.♔f1 ♕d7 25.♖g3 ♖ae8-+

**22.a4 a6**

22...♗xb2 23.♕xb2 ♖xf3-+

**23.bxa6 ♗xb2 24.♕xb2 ♖xf3 25.O-O-O ♖xa6 26.♕e2**



**26...♕e5!-+ 27.♕xa6**

27.♔d2 ♖f4 28.♕xa6 ♖xf2+ 29.♔d3 ♗f5+ 30.♘xf5 (30.♔c4 ♕xe3-+) 30...♖f3+ 31.♔c2 ♕c3+ 32.♔b1 ♕b3+-+

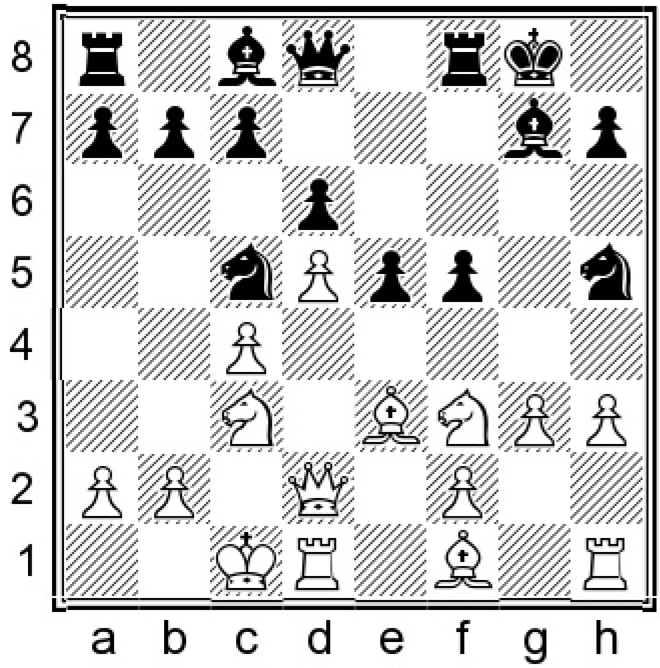
**27...♕a1+ 28.♔d2 ♕b2+ 29.♘c2 ♖xf2+ 0-1**

**195. !N E90**
**Lalith, Babu MR (2548) - Tabatabaei, Mohammad Amin (2643)**
**Cattolica 151/195, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.h3 e5 7.d5 ♘h5 8.g3 ♘a6 9.♗e3 f5 10.exf5 gxf5 11.♕d2 ♘c5**

11...f4 - 125/196

**12.O-O-O**



**12...f4!N**

12...♘f6 13.♘g5 (13.♕c2 ♘fe4 14.♘xe4 ♘xe4 15.♘d2 ♘c5 16.g4 ♕h4∞) 13...h6 14.♘e6 ♗xe6 15.dxe6 ♕e8 16.g4±; 12...a5 13.♖g1 ♘f6 14.g4 fxg4 15.♗xc5 gxf3 16.♗e3 ♔h8∞

**13.♗xc5**

13.gxf4 ♘xf4 14.♖g1 b6 15.b4 ♘cd3+ 16.♗xd3 ♘xd3+ 17.♕xd3 ♖xf3 18.♕e2 ♖f7∞

**13...fxg3!**

13...dxc5? 14.g4 ♘f6 15.♗d3±

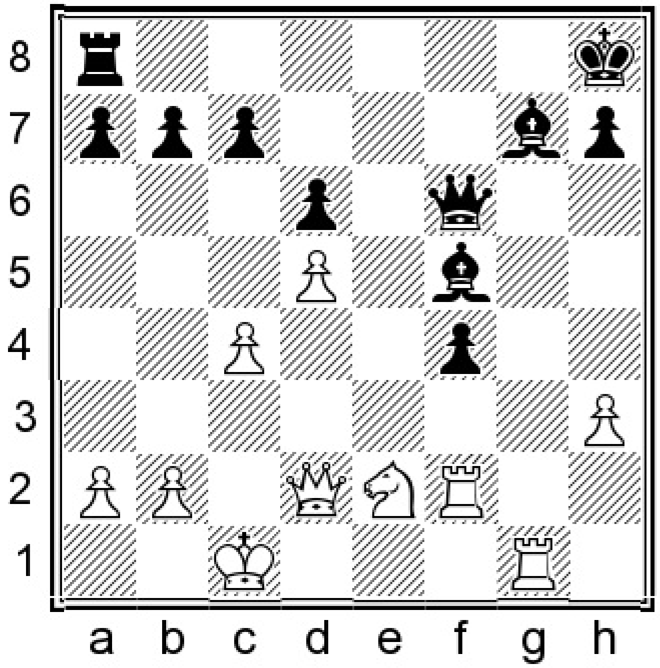
**14.♗e3 ♖xf3 15.♗e2 ♖f5 16.♗g4 gxf2 17.♖hf1 ♘f4 18.♗xf5 ♗xf5=∞ 19.♗xf4 exf4 20.♖xf2**

20.♕xf4 ♕f6 21.♕xf2 ♗h6+ 22.♖d2 ♖f8 23.♕g2+ ♕g6 24.♕xg6+ hxg6=

**20...♕f6**

20...♗h6 21.♖g1+ ♗g6 22.h4 ♕f8 23.♕d3 ♔h8 24.♖xg6 (24.♕d4+ ♗g7 25.♕xf4 ♗h6 26.♖g5 ♕g7=) 24...hxg6 25.♕xg6 ♕g7 26.♕xg7+ ♔xg7=

**21.♖g1 ♔h8 22.♘e2**



**22...f3?**

22...♖e8! 23.♘xf4 (23.♖xf4 ♗h6∓) 23...♕d4! 24.♔d1 (24.♕xd4 ♗xd4 25.♖gf1 ♗xf2 26.♖xf2 ♖e7=; 24.♕c3 ♖e7 25.♘e6 ♕xf2 26.♖xg7 ♕f1+ 27.♔d2 ♕f2+=) 24...♗c2+! 25.♔xc2 ♕xb2+ 26.♔d1 ♕a1+ 27.♕c1 ♕d4+ 28.♕d2 ♕a1+=

**23.♖xf3 ♗h6 24.♘f4 ♗e4 25.♖f2 ♖f8**

25...c6 26.dxc6 bxc6 27.♕c3+-

**26.♖gf1 ♖g8 27.♔d1+- ♕e5 28.♕c3 ♕xc3 29.bxc3 c6 30.♖e1 ♗b1 31.♖e6 ♗g7 32.♖xd6 ♗xc3 33.♘e6 ♖g1+ 34.♔e2 ♖e1+ 35.♔f3 ♗f6 36.♖d7 cxd5 37.cxd5 ♗e4+ 38.♔g4 ♖g1+ 39.♔h5 ♗g6+ 40.♔h6 ♗e8 41.♖xh7+ 1-0**

**196. ** !N E92**
**Bosiocic, Marin (2573) - Ivanisevic, Ivan (2605)**
**Slovenija 151/196, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.♘c3 d6 5.e4 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♗g4 8.d5 a5 9.♗g5**

9.♗e3 ♘a6 10.a3 ♘h5N (10...♗xf3; 10...♘d7; 10...♗d7 11.♘d2 h5 - 151/196) 11.h3 ♗d7 12.♖e1 ♕e8 13.♘b5 ♕d8 14.b4 ♘f4 15.♗f1 h6 16.c5 ♕e8 17.a4± Yakubboev,N (2621)-Mamedov,R (2673) Riga 151/(196) 2021

**9...♘a6 10.♘d2 ♗d7 11.a3 h6 12.♗e3 h5** - 151/196 **13.♗g5**

13.f3 ♔h7!N (13...♘h7 - 147/(197)) 14.♖b1 ♗h6 15.♗xh6 (15.♗f2 a4 16.b4 axb3 17.♘xb3 b6 18.a4 ♔g7 19.a5 bxa5 20.♘xa5 ♕e7=) 15...♔xh6 16.f4 (16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 c5 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.f4 exf4 20.♖xf4 ♕e7=) 16...exf4 17.♖xf4 ♔g7 18.♘f3 ♘g4 19.♕d4+ f6 20.♘h4 ♘e5∞ Shmeliov,D (2430) - Jacobson,B (2514) New York 151/(196) 2021

**13...♕e8 14.b3 ♘h7 15.♗e3 ♕e7 16.♖b1 f5 17.f3 ♗f6 18.b4 ♗g5N**

18...axb4 19.axb4 ♗g5 20.♗f2 ♘f6 21.c5±

**19.♗f2**

19.♗xg5 ♘xg5 20.♕c2 (20.exf5 ♗xf5 21.♖b2 axb4 22.axb4 h4∞) 20...axb4 21.axb4 h4 22.exf5 ♗xf5 23.♗d3 h3 24.g3 c5! 25.dxc6 bxc6 26.b5 cxb5 27.cxb5 ♘c5 28.♗xf5 gxf5∞

**19...b6 20.bxa5**

20.c5!? bxc5 (20...axb4?! 21.cxd6 cxd6 (21...♕xd6 22.♘c4 ♕e7 23.d6 cxd6 24.♘d5+-) 22.axb4±) 21.b5 (21.bxa5 ♗xd2 22.♕xd2 f4 23.♔h1 g5∞) 21...♘b4! 22.♘c4 (22.axb4? axb4∓) 22...♖fb8 23.♖a1 h4∞

**20...bxa5 21.♘b3**

21.c5 ♘xc5 22.♗xc5 dxc5 23.♘c4 ♖ab8 24.♗d3 (24.♘xa5?! ♗e3+ 25.♔h1 ♗d4∓) 24...h4∞

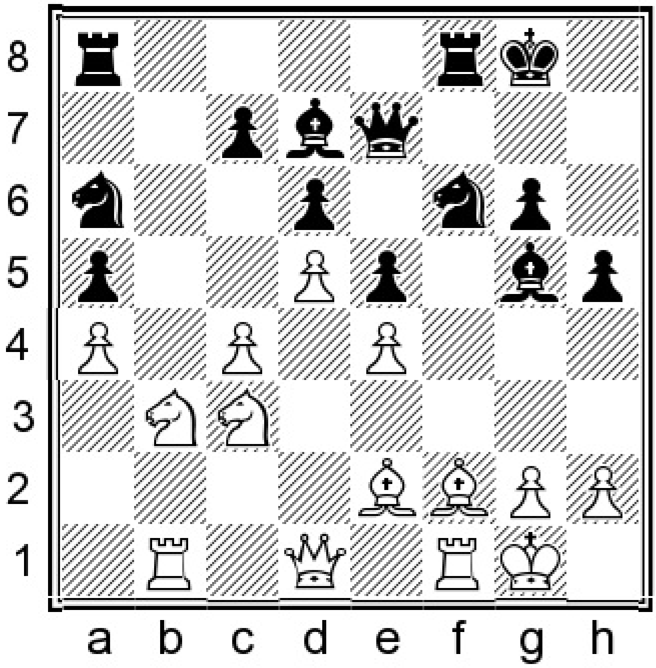
**21...♘f6**

21...a4!? 22.♘a5 ♘c5 23.♘c6 (23.♗xc5 dxc5 24.♘c6 ♗e3+ 25.♔h1 ♗xc6 26.dxc6 ♗d4 27.♘d5 ♕d6∞) 23...♕g7 24.♘b5 ♖ae8 25.♗xc5 dxc5 26.♕xa4 ♗xc6 27.dxc6 fxe4∞

**22.a4?**

22.exf5 a4 23.♘a5 gxf5 24.♘xa4 h4 25.♘c6 ♕f7⩱

**22...fxe4 23.fxe4**



23.♘xa5 e3 24.♗e1 ♘c5 25.♘c6 ♕h7∓

**23...♘g4! 24.♗xg4**

24.♗f3 ♘xf2 25.♔xf2 ♗f4 26.g3 (26.h3 ♖f7-+) 26...♗xg3+! 27.♔xg3 (27.hxg3 ♖xf3+-+) 27...♕g5+ 28.♔f2 ♖xf3+ 29.♕xf3 ♖f8-+

**24...♗xg4 25.♕e1 ♘b4 26.♘d1**

26.♗e3 ♖xf1+ 27.♔xf1 ♕f7+ 28.♔g1 ♘c2-+

**26...♘d3 27.♕c3 ♗e2 28.♖e1 ♘xe1 29.♕xe1 ♗xd1 30.♕xd1 ♕f6 31.♖b2 ♖ab8 32.♖e2 ♕f4**

32...♖b4-+

**33.♘xa5 ♕xf2+!**

33...♕g4 34.h3 ♖b1 35.hxg4 ♖xd1+-+

**34.♖xf2 ♗e3 35.h4 ♖xf2 36.♔h1 ♖bb2 37.♕e1 ♖be2 38.♕d1 ♖c2 39.♔h2 ♗f4+**

39...♖xg2+ 40.♔h3 ♖h2+ 41.♔g3 ♗f4+ 42.♔f3 ♖cf2#

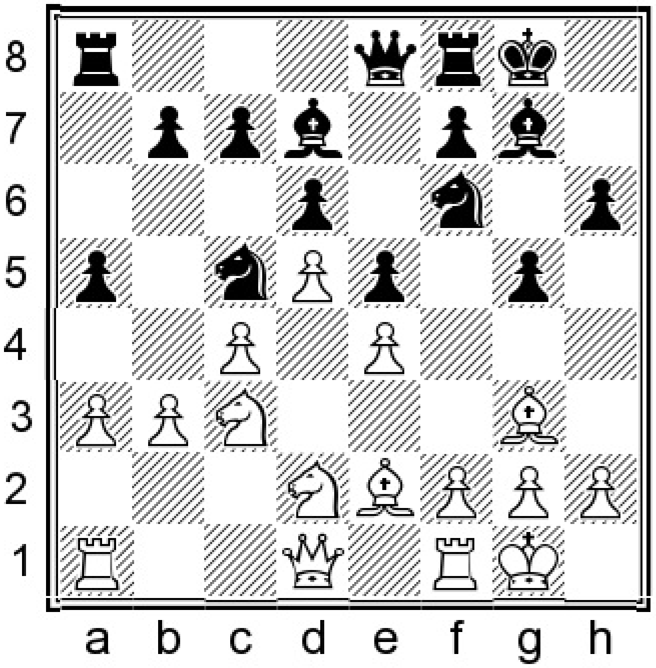
**0-1**

**197. !N E92**
**Cori Tello, Jorge Moises (2655) - Yakubboev, Nodirbek (2621)**
**Riga 151/197, 2021**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 ♘a6 10.♘d2 ♗d7 11.a3 ♕e8 12.b3 ♘c5 13.O-O g5**

13...♘h7 - 148/198

**14.♗g3**



**14...h5!N**

14...♘fxe4 15.♘dxe4 ♘xe4 16.♘xe4 f5 17.♘d2 f4 18.♘e4±

**15.f3**

15.♗xh5?? g4-+; 15.h4 ♗h6 16.b4 (16.hxg5 ♗xg5 17.♘f3 ♘cxe4 18.♘xe4 ♘xe4 19.♘xg5 ♘xg5 20.♗xh5 ♕e7 21.f4 ♘e4 22.♗h2 exf4 23.♗xf4 (23.♖xf4 f5∞) 23...f5∞) 16...♘a4 17.♘xa4 ♗xa4 18.♕e1 ♗d7 19.hxg5 ♗xg5∞

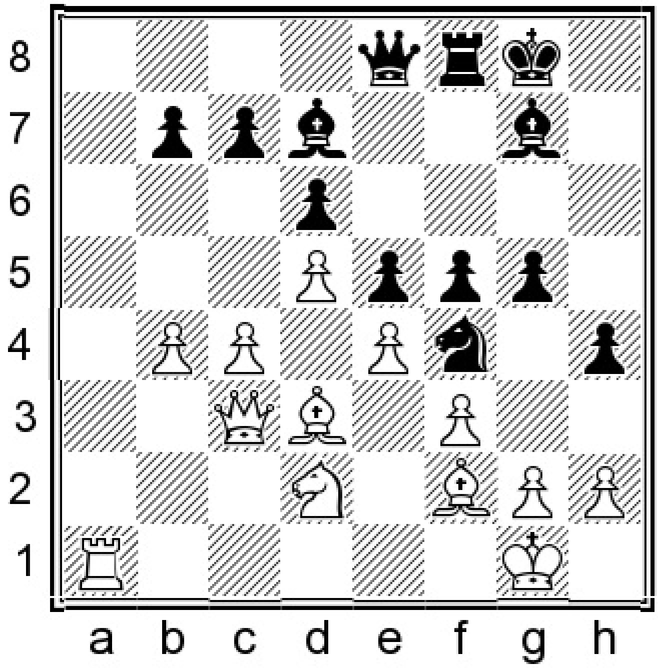
**15...h4 16.♗f2 ♘h5 17.b4 ♘a4 18.♕c2?!**

18.♘xa4 ♗xa4 19.♕b1 ♘f4 20.♖e1 ♗d7 21.♗f1 f5∞

**18...♘f4 19.♗d3**

19.♗d1 ♘xc3 20.♕xc3 axb4 21.axb4 ♖xa1 22.♕xa1 f5∓

**19...♘xc3 20.♕xc3 f5∓ 21.♖fe1 axb4 22.axb4 ♖xa1 23.♖xa1**



**23...h3**

23...g4! 24.fxg4 (24.♗xh4 gxf3 25.gxf3 ♕h5 26.♗g3 fxe4 27.fxe4 ♗h6 28.♖f1 ♗h3 29.♖f3 ♗g2-+; 24.♗f1 gxf3 25.♕xf3 fxe4 26.♕xe4 ♗f5 27.♕e1 ♕g6-+) 24...fxe4 25.♘xe4 h3 26.g3 ♘xd3 27.♕xd3 ♗xg4 28.c5 ♕g6∓

**24.g3 ♘xd3 25.♕xd3 ♕g6**

25...g4 26.fxg4 f4! 27.gxf4 ♖xf4 (27...exf4 28.♗d4 ♕g6 29.♔f2 ♗xg4∓) 28.♕xh3 ♖xg4+ 29.♗g3 ♗f6∓

**26.♖a7 g4**

26...fxe4 27.fxe4 ♕h5 28.♕f1 ♗c8∞

**27.♖xb7 gxf3**

27...♗h6 28.♖xc7 fxe4 29.♕xe4 (29.fxe4 ♗xd2 30.♕xd2 ♕xe4 31.♕g5+ ♔h8 32.♕h5+ ♔g8=) 29...♗f5 30.♕e1 ♖a8 31.♖a7 ♖xa7 32.♗xa7 ♗xd2 33.♕xd2 ♗d7 34.♔f2 gxf3 35.c5 ♕b1 36.♕g5+ ♔f7 37.♕h5+ ♔g7=

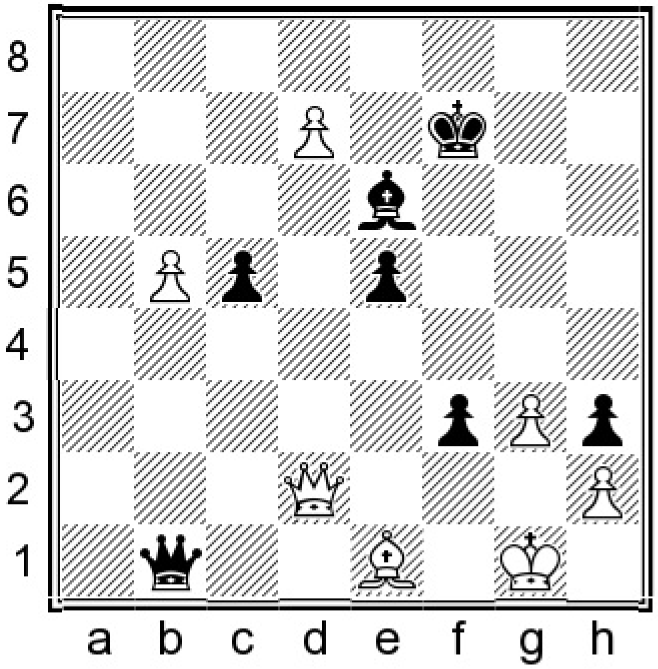
**28.♖xc7 fxe4 29.♕xe4 ♗f5 30.♕e1 ♗h6 31.b5**

31.c5 dxc5 32.bxc5 ♗d3 33.d6 e4∞

**31...♖f7 32.♖xf7**

32.♖c6 e4 33.♘f1 e3! 34.♘xe3 (34.♗xe3? f2+! 35.♗xf2 (35.♕xf2 ♗d3 36.♖c8+ ♔h7-+) 35...♕g4 36.♘e3 ♕e4-+) 34...♖e7 35.♖a6±

**32...♗xd2 33.♕xd2 ♔xf7 34.c5 dxc5 35.d6 ♗e6 36.d7 ♕b1+ 37.♗e1**



**37...f2+! 38.♕xf2+**

38.♔xf2 ♕f5+ 39.♔g1 ♗xd7=

**38...♔e7= 39.♕xc5+ ♔xd7 40.♕b4**

40.♕xe5 ♕c2 41.♕d4+ ♔e8 42.♕f2 ♕e4=

**40...♕d3 41.♕d2 ♕d4+ 42.♕xd4+ exd4 43.♔f2 ♗c4 44.b6 ♔c6 45.♗a5 ♗d5 46.g4 1/2-1/2**

**198. E95**
**Vescovi, Giovanni P (2606) - Supi, Luis Paulo (2581)**
**Sao Paulo 151/198, 2022**

**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 ♘a6 10.♘d2 ♗d7 11.O-O ♘c5 12.b3?!**

12.♕c2; 12.f3

**12...♘fxe4! 13.♗xd8 ♘xc3 14.♕e1**

14.♗xc7? ♘xd1 15.♖axd1 ♖a6-+

**14...♖axd8!**

14...♖fxd8 15.♘b1 (15.♖c1? ♘xa2-+; 15.f3 - 62/(597)) 15...♘xe2+ 16.♕xe2 e4=∞

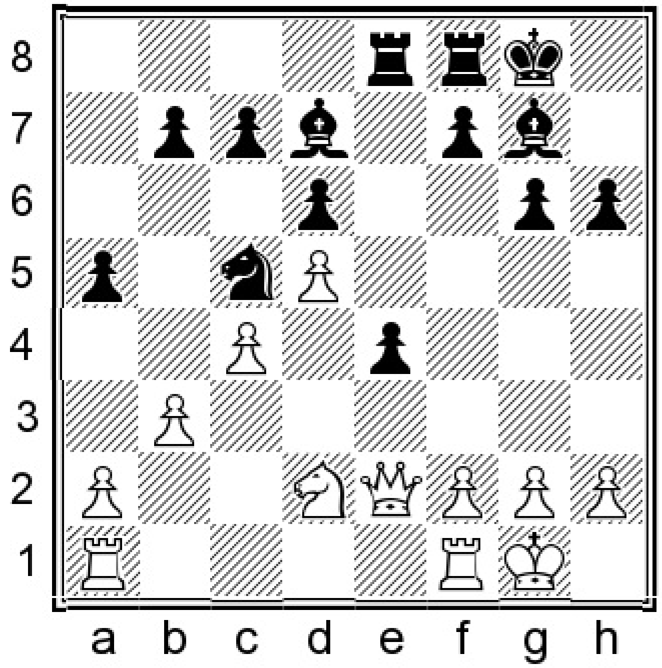
**15.♘b1**

15.♖c1 e4∓

**15...♘xe2+ 16.♕xe2 e4 17.♘d2?!**

17.♘a3! f5 (17...♗xa1 18.♖xa1 f5 19.f4∞) 18.♖ae1 ♖de8 19.♘b5 ♗xb5 20.cxb5 b6 21.♕c2=∞

**17...♖de8**



**18.♕e3?!N**

18.♖ae1 f5 19.f4 ♗d4+∓

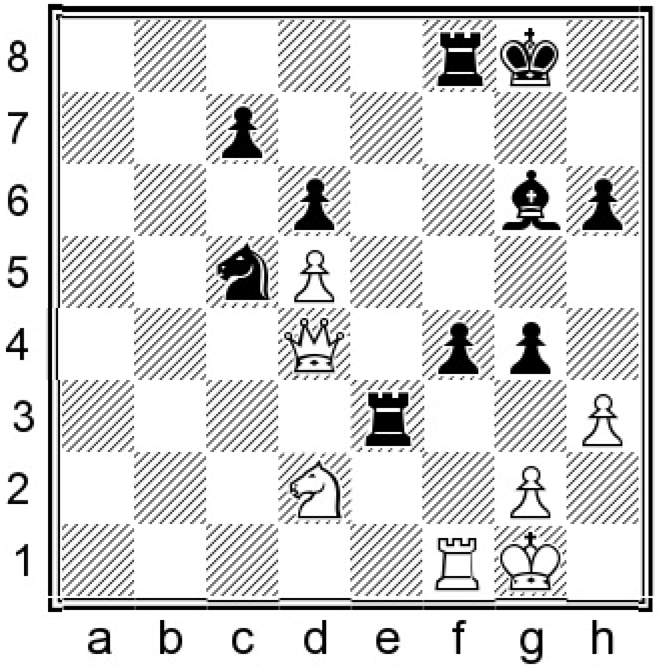
**18...f5∓ 19.f4 exf3 20.♕xf3 ♗d4+ 21.♔h1 ♗xa1 22.♖xa1 f4 23.♕c3 b6 24.♖f1 g5 25.a3 ♖e3 26.♕b2**

26.♕d4

**26...♗f5 27.b4 ♘d3 28.♕a1 g4 29.c5 ♖e2 30.♕c3 axb4 31.axb4 ♖e3**

31...b5 32.♔g1 ♖f7 33.cxd6 cxd6 34.♔h1 ♔h7 35.♔g1 h5 36.♔h1 h4 37.♔g1 h3-+

**32.♔g1 bxc5 33.bxc5 ♘xc5 34.♕d4 ♗g6 35.h3**



**35...♖d3?**

35...g3!! 36.♖xf4 ♖e1+ 37.♘f1 (37.♖f1 ♖fxf1+ 38.♘xf1 ♗d3 39.♕g4+ ♔h7 40.♕xg3 ♖xf1+ 41.♔h2 ♗e4-+) 37...♗d3! 38.♖g4+ (38.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 39.♕f4+ ♔e8 40.♕xg3 ♖xf1+ 41.♔h2 ♔f7-+) 38...♔f7 39.♖xg3 ♖xf1+ 40.♔h2 ♗g6-+

**36.♕b4= gxh3 37.♖xf4 ♖xf4 38.♕xf4 hxg2 39.♕xh6 ♗f7 40.♕g5+ ♔f8 41.♕d8+ ♔g7 42.♕g5+ ♔f8 43.♕d8+ ♔g7 44.♕g5+ ♔f8 1/2-1/2**

**199. ** !N E96**
**Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2691) - Piorun, Kacper (2655)**
**Polska 151/199, 2021**

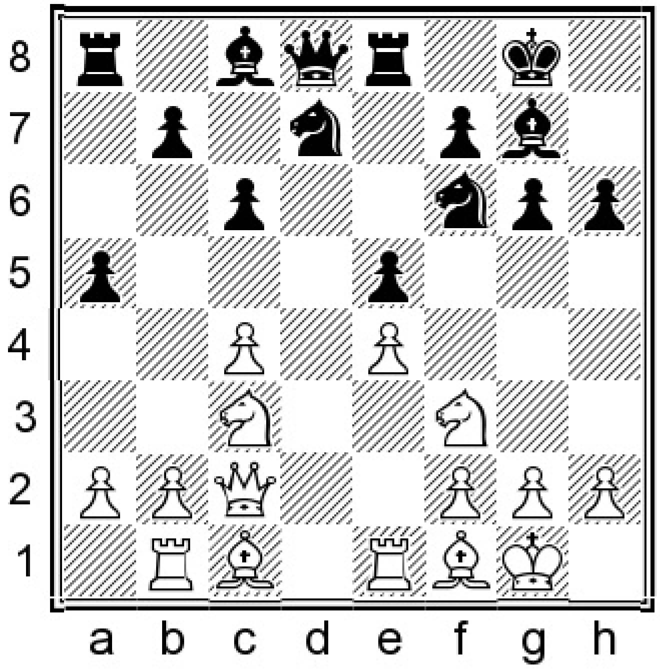
**1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.e4 d6 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.♘c3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O h6 8.♖e1 ♘bd7 9.♗f1**

9.♕c2 ♖e8 (9...♘h7 - 76/543) 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♗e3N (11.h3) 11...♘g4 12.♗d2 c6 13.♘a4 - 151/(199) (13.♖ad1 ♕e7 14.h3 ♘gf6 15.♗e3 ♘h5 16.♗f1 ♘f4∞; 13.h3 ♘gf6 14.♘a4 ♘h5 15.b4 ♘f4 16.c5 ♘f8 17.♘b2 ♘xe2+ 18.♖xe2 ♗e6 19.♘c4 ♗xc4 20.♕xc4 ♕c7 21.♗e3 ♖ad8 22.a4 a6 23.♖b1 ♘e6 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 cxb5 26.♖xb5 ♖d1+ 27.♖e1 ♖ed8 28.♕b3 ♕c6 29.♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 30.♔h2 ♖d7 31.♕c4 ♖c7 32.♕d3 ♖d7 33.♕b1 ♖d1∞ Yilmaz,M (2631) -Sattarov, B (2465) Sousse 151/(199) 2021) 13...♘b6 14.c5 ♘xa4 15.♕xa4 ♗e6 16.h3 ♘f6 17.♗e3 ♘h5 18.♗c4 (18.♖ad1 ♕f6 19.♘d2 ♘f4∞) 18...♘f4 19.♖ad1 ♕c7 20.a3 b5 21.cxb6 axb6= 22.♕c2 ♗xc4 23.♕xc4 ♘e6 1/2 (23) Keymer,V (2602) -Mamedov,R (2654) Reykjavik 151/(199) 2021

**9...♖e8**

9...♘h7 - 32/(700)

**10.♖b1 a5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.♕c2 c6**



**13.♘a4!N**

13.a3 a4! (13...♘h5?! 14.♗e3±) 14.♘xa4 (14.♗e3 ♕a5 15.h3 ♗f8∓) 14...♘xe4 15.♖xe4 ♖xa4! 16.♕xa4 ♘c5 17.♕c2 ♘xe4 18.♗e3 ♘d6 19.♖d1 ♕c7∞

**13...♘f8**

13...♘b6 14.♘xb6 ♕xb6 15.c5 ♕c7 16.h3 ♗e6 17.a4 ♘d7 18.♗e3±; 13...b6 14.♗e3 ♘g4 15.♗d2 ♕c7 16.h3 ♘gf6 17.♗e3 ♗f8 (17...♗b7 18.c5 b5 19.♘b6±) 18.c5 ♘xc5 19.♘xc5 ♗xc5 20.♗xc5 bxc5 21.♕xc5 ♗e6 22.b3±

**14.c5**

14.♗e3 ♗g4 15.♘d2 ♘e6 16.h3 ♗h5 17.c5 g5 (17...♘d4 18.♗xd4 exd4 19.♘b6±) 18.♘c4 ♘d4 19.♗xd4 exd4 20.♘ab6 ♖b8 21.♗d3±

**14...♗g4 15.♘d2 ♘e6 16.♘b3 ♘c7**

16...♘d4 17.♘xd4 exd4 18.♘b6 ♖a7 19.♗f4 ♘d7 20.♘xd7 ♗xd7 21.♗d6 ♗e6 22.♖bd1 a4 23.♗c4±

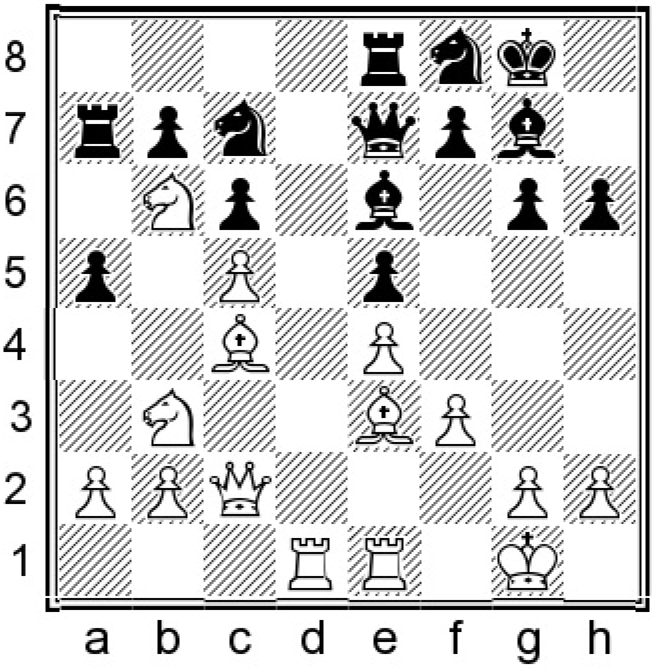
**17.♗e3± ♗e6 18.♖bd1 ♕e7 19.f3**

19.♘b6 a4 20.♘c1 ♖ad8 21.f3±

**19...♘d7 20.♗c4! ♘f8**

20...♗xc4 21.♕xc4 ♖ed8 22.♖d3 ♘f8 23.♖ed1±

**21.♘b6 ♖a7**



**22.a4! h5 23.♕c3 ♗xc4 24.♘xc4 ♘ce6 25.♖d6**

25.♘bxa5 h4 26.h3 ♘f4 27.♔h1 ♕g5 28.♖g1±

**25...h4 26.h3 ♘f4 27.♕d2 ♘8e6 28.♖d7**

28.♘bxa5 ♕g5 29.♔h1 ♗f8 30.b4! ♗xd6 31.cxd6+-

**28...♕g5 29.♔h1 ♘f8 30.♘d6 ♘xd7 31.♘xe8 ♕g3**

31...♘f8 32.♗xf4 exf4 (32...♕xf4 33.♕d8 ♔h7 34.♘xg7 ♔xg7 35.♕b8 ♘e6 36.♕xa7 ♘g5 37.♘d2! ♕xd2 38.♖g1+-) 33.♘xg7 ♔xg7 34.♕c3+ ♔g8 35.♘xa5 ♘e6 36.b4+-

**32.♗xf4 exf4 33.♘xg7 ♔xg7 34.♕d4+ ♔g8 35.♖f1 ♘f8 36.♕d8 b5 37.cxb6 ♖d7 38.♕c8 ♖d3 39.b7 ♖xb3 40.b8=♕ ♖xb8 41.♕xb8 1-0**

**200. !N E97**
**Bjerre, Jonas Buhl (2550) - Jones, Gawain C B (2684)**
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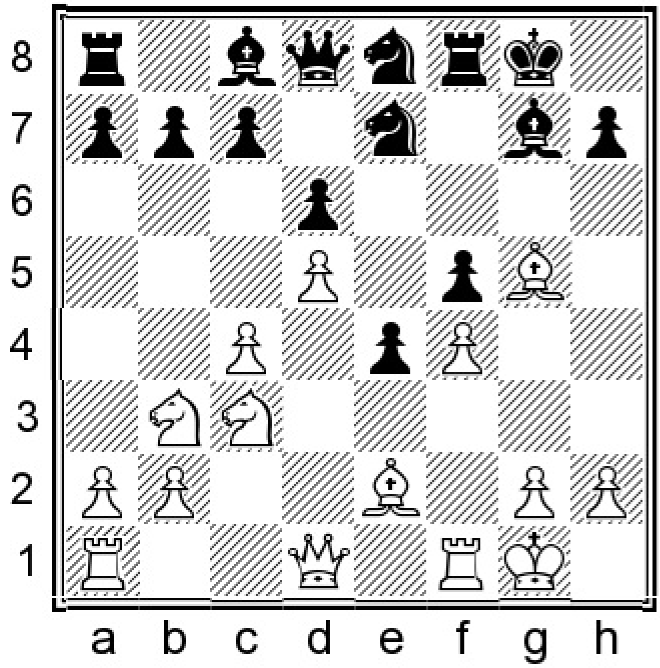
**1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 O-O 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♗g5 ♘e8**

9...♘h5 - 141/198

**10.♘d2 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.f4 e4 13.♘b3**



**13...c5!N**

13...♘f6

**14.dxc6 bxc6 15.c5 ♔h8**

15...d5?! 16.♘xd5 cxd5 17.♗xe7 ♕xe7 18.♕xd5+ ♗e6 19.♕xa8 ♕c7 20.♗b5 ♗xb3 21.♗xe8 ♗c4 22.♕c6 ♗d4+ 23.♔h1 ♕xc6 24.♗xc6 ♗xf1 25.♖xf1 ♗xc5 26.♖d1±

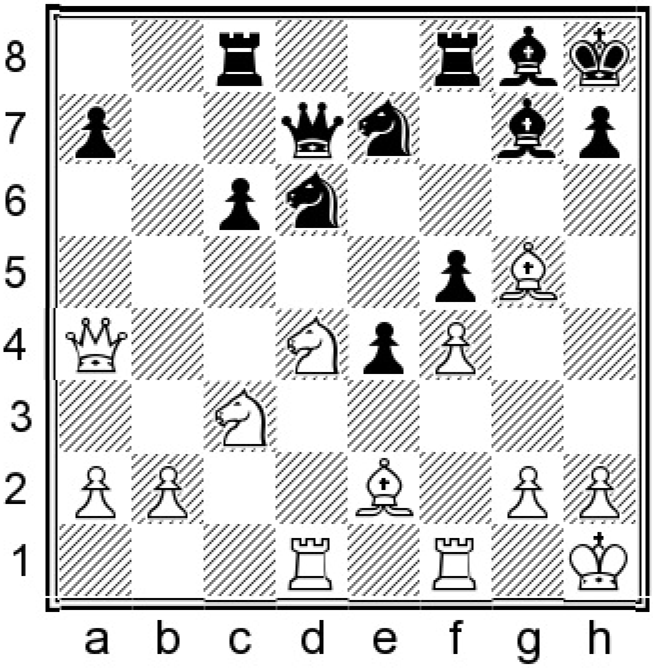
**16.cxd6 ♘xd6 17.♔h1 ♗e6 18.♘d4 ♕d7 19.♕a4**

19.♘a4 ♘b7! 20.♘xe6 ♕xe6 21.♗a6 ♘d8 22.♘c5 ♕f7 23.♘d7 ♖g8 24.♕d6 ♘d5 25.♘e5 ♕e8 26.♗xd8 ♗xe5 27.♕xe5+ ♕xe5 28.fxe5 ♖axd8 29.♖xf5 ♘e3 30.♖f4 ♖d4 31.g3 ♖e8 32.♖e1 ♘d1 33.♗e2 ♘xb2 34.♖b1 ♘a4 35.♖f7 ♘c5 36.♖xa7 ♖d2 37.♗h5 ♖ed8=∞

**19...♗g8**

19...♘dc8!? 20.♖ad1 ♘b6 21.♕a3 ♘ed5 22.♘xd5 ♘xd5 23.♘xe6 ♕xe6 24.♗c4 ♖fe8 25.♖fe1 a5∞

**20.♖ad1 ♖ac8?!**



20...♖ae8 21.♗xe7 (21.♘c2 ♕c7 22.♘e3 ♘g6∞) 21...♖xe7 22.♘xc6 ♖e6 23.♗c4 ♖h6 24.♗xg8 ♖xg8 25.♘d5 e3 26.♘xe3 ♖c8 27.♖c1 ♕e8=∞

**21.♕a3?!**

21.♘xc6! ♘xc6 22.♘b5 ♘d8 (22...♗xa2 23.♘xd6±) 23.♖xd6±

**21...♘d5 22.♘a4?!**

22.♘xd5 cxd5 23.♗h4 ♘c4 24.♗xc4 ♖xc4 25.b3 ♖c7=

**22...♘b5 23.♘xb5 cxb5 24.♘c3 ♗xc3**

24...♕b7! 25.♘xd5 ♗xd5∓

**25.bxc3 ♕g7 26.♖c1?!**

26.♕d6 ♘xc3 (26...♘e3 27.♖g1 ♘xd1 28.♖xd1 ♕xc3 29.♗xb5 ♗xa2 30.♗d7 ♖b8 31.h3=∞) 27.♖c1 ♕g6 (27...♘xe2?? 28.♖xc8 ♖xc8 29.♗f6+-) 28.♕e5+ ♕g7 29.♕d6 ♕g6=

**26...h6 27.♗h4 ♖xc3 28.♖xc3**

28.♕d6 b4 29.♖g1 ♖xc1 30.♖xc1 ♖c8!∓

**28...♘xc3?**

28...b4! 29.♕a4 bxc3 30.♕c6 ♔h7-+

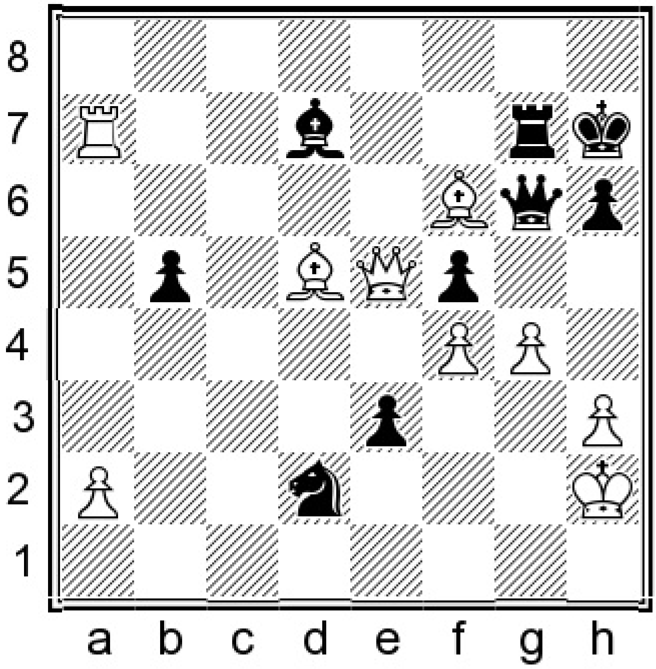
**29.♗h5 ♗d5 30.♕d6 e3 31.♖g1 ♗a8 32.h3 ♘e4 33.♕e6 ♖g8 34.♗f3 ♕g6 35.♕e5+ ♔h7 36.♔h2 ♗c6?!**

36...♖g7 37.g4 ♗b7 38.♗e1 ♘d2 39.♗xb7 ♖xb7∞

**37.♖c1 ♗d7 38.♖c7 ♖g7 39.♖xa7 ♘d2 40.♗d5 ♘e4 41.g4?!**

41.♗xe4! fxe4 42.g4 ♕c6 43.♖c7 ♕e6 44.♕xe6 ♗xe6 45.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 46.a3±

**41...♘d2! 42.♗f6**



42.♕c7 fxg4 43.♕xd7 ♖xd7 44.♖xd7+ ♔h8 45.♖d8+ ♔h7 46.♖d7+ ♔h8=

**42...fxg4! 43.hxg4 ♕c2 44.♕f5+?**

44.♔h1 ♕b1+ 45.♔h2 ♕c2 46.♔h1=

**44...♕xf5 45.gxf5 e2-+ 46.♗xg7 e1=♕ 47.♖xd7 ♕h4+ 48.♔g1 ♕g3+ 49.♔h1 ♕h3+ 50.♔g1 ♕f1+ 51.♔h2 ♕xf4+ 52.♔h1 ♕f1+ 53.♔h2 ♕xf5 54.♗c6 ♘f3+ 55.♔g3 ♕g6+ 0-1**

**201. !N E99**
**Tallaksen, Levi Andre (2321) - Yilmaz, Mustafa Enes (2627)**
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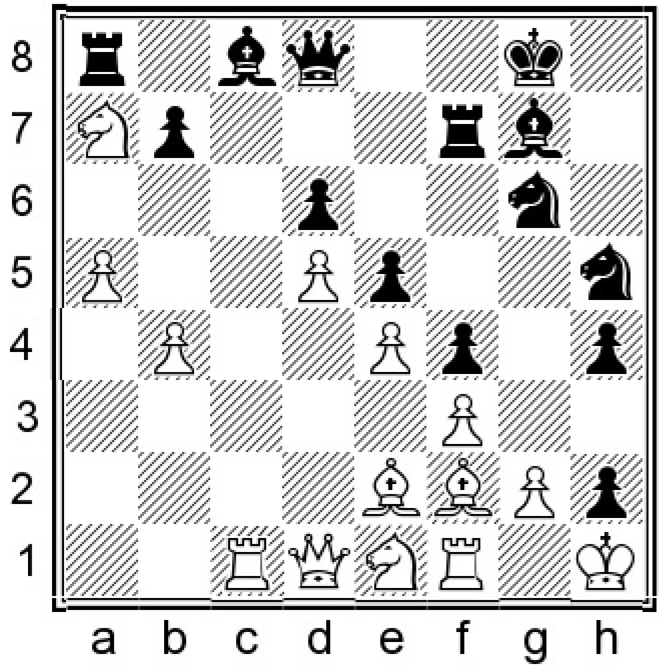
17.cxd6 - 63/551

**17...g4 18.♔h1 g3! 19.♗g1 gxh2 20.♗f2 h4 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.♘b5 ♘h5 23.♘xa7**



**23...♘g3+!N**

23...♗d7

**24.♗xg3**

24.♔xh2 ♗d7 25.♖g1 (25.♗b6 ♕g5-+) 25...♖xa7! 26.♗xa7 h3 27.♘d3 ♕h4 28.♘f2 hxg2+ 29.♔xg2 ♗f6 30.♖h1 ♕g5 31.♘g4 ♗xg4 32.fxg4 ♘xh1 33.♕xh1 f3+ 34.♗xf3 ♕d2+ 35.♗f2 ♘h4+-+

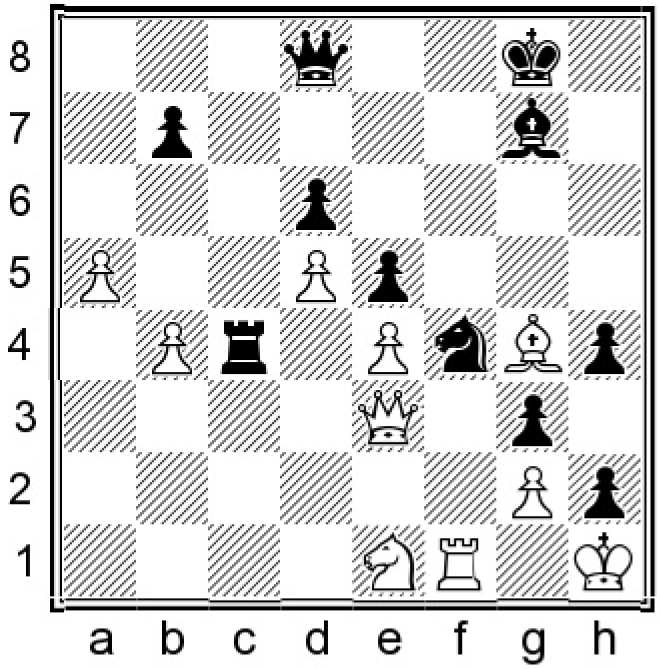
**24...fxg3 25.♘xc8 ♖xc8 26.f4 ♘xf4 27.♗g4**

27.♖xc8 ♕xc8 28.♘d3 ♘xe2 29.♖xf7 ♔xf7 30.♕xe2 ♗f6-+

**27...♖xc1 28.♕xc1 ♖c7**

28...♕c7! 29.♕d1 (29.♕xc7 ♖xc7 30.♘f3 ♖c2-+) 29...♕c4 30.♖f3 ♗h6-+

**29.♕e3 ♖c4?**



29...♗h6 30.♕d2 (30.♕b6 ♕e7 31.♗e6+ ♔g7-+) 30...♔g7-+

**30.♖xf4! exf4 31.♗e6+ ♔f8**

31...♔h8 32.♕e2! ♕f6 33.♕xc4 ♕a1 34.♕e2 f3! 35.gxf3 ♗c3 36.f4 ♕xe1+ 37.♕xe1 ♗xe1 38.♗c8 ♔g7 39.a6 bxa6 40.♗xa6 ♔f6 41.e5+ dxe5 42.fxe5+ ♔xe5 43.♗c8 ♗xb4 44.♗e6=

**32.♕xf4+ ♗f6 33.♕h6+= ♗g7 34.♕f4+ ♗f6 35.♕h6+ ♗g7 36.♕f4+ 1/2-1/2**

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## CLASSIFICATION

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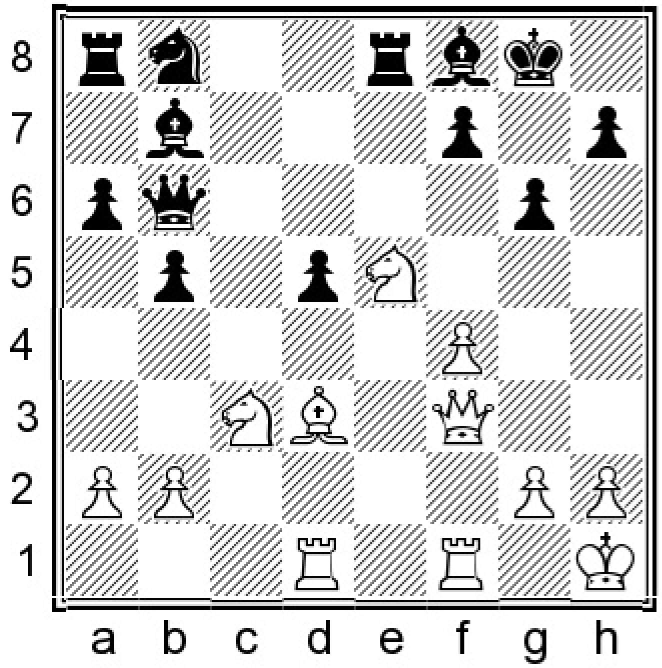
**I** – Combinations with mating attack
**II** – Combinations to reach the draw
**III** – Other combinations

**1. Gharibyan, Mamikon (2467) - Harutyunyan, Tigran K (2552)**
**Armenia (ch), 2022**
**I a**



**1.? +−**

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**1.♘xf7! ♕e3**

1...♔xf7 2.f5 g5 3.♕h5+ ♔e7 4.♗xb5 axb5 5.♘xd5+ ♗xd5 6.♖xd5+-

**2.♕g4! ♘d7**

2...♔xf7 3.f5+-

**3.f5**

3.♗xg6 hxg6 (3...♘f6 4.♗xh7+! ♔xf7 (4...♔xh7 5.♕f5+ ♔g7 6.♘e5+-) 5.♕g6+ ♔e7 6.♖fe1+-) 4.♕xg6+ ♗g7 5.♘h6+ ♔h8 6.♘f5+-

**3...♘f6 4.fxg6 h5**

4...♘xg4 5.gxh7+ ♔g7 6.h8=♕#

**5.♕h4 ♗e7 6.♖f3 ♕e6 7.♘h6+ ♔h8 8.♗f5 ♕b6 9.g7+ ♔xg7 10.♕g5+ 1-0**

**2. Sanikidze, Tornike (2464) - Gagunashvili, Merab (2573)**
**Georgia (ch), 2022**
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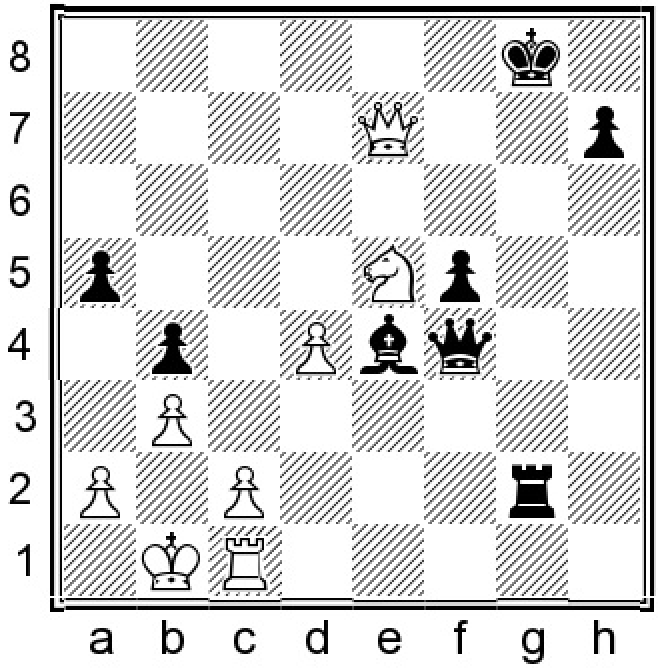

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**1...♗xc2+! 2.♖xc2 ♖g1+ 0-1**

**3. Grandelius, Nils (2672) - Rapport, Richard (2763)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**
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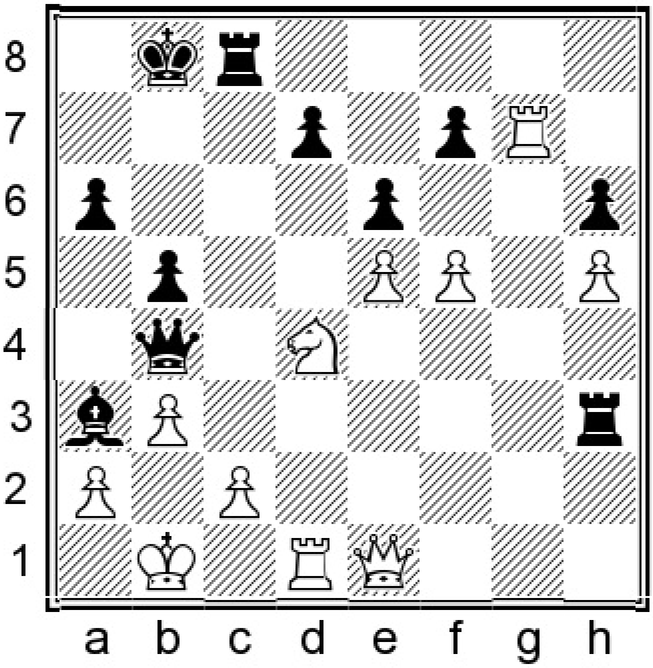
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**1...? −+**

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**1...♖h1! 2.♖g1 ♖xg1 3.♕xg1 ♕c3 0-1**

**4. Dardha, Daniel (2532) - Shuvalova, Polina (2516)**
**Wijk aan Zee II, 2022**
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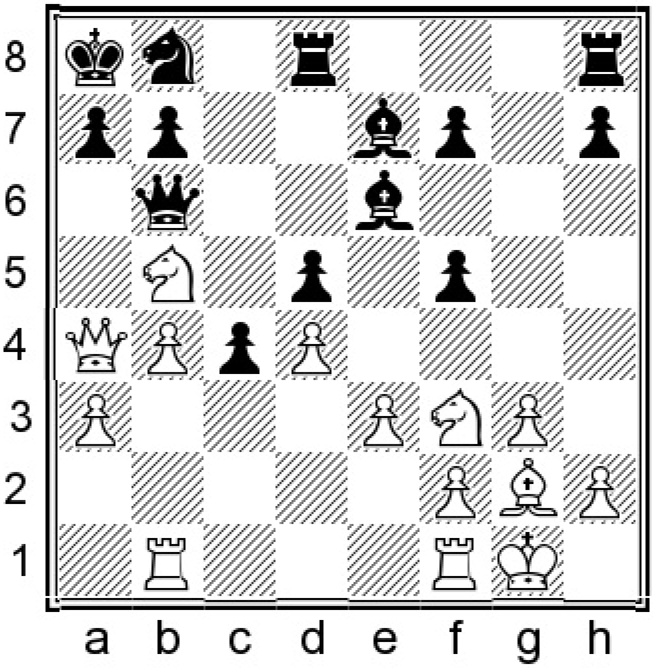
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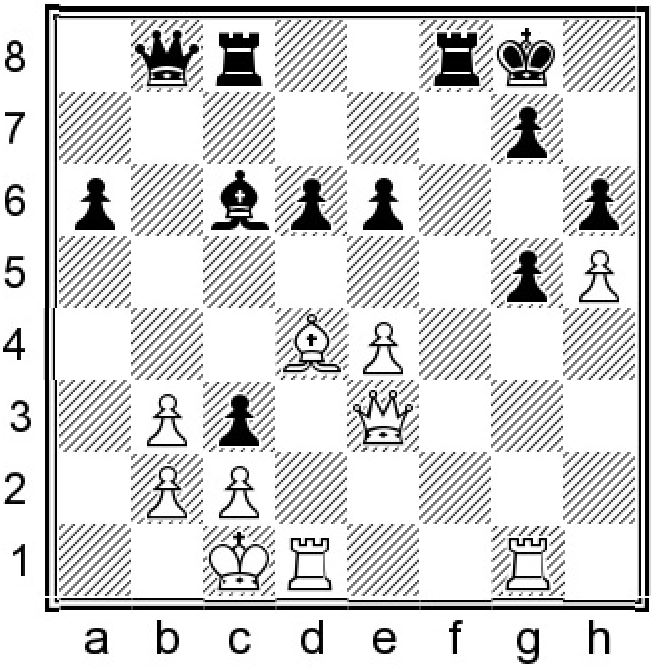
**1.♕xa7+! ♕xa7 2.♘c7# 1-0**

**5. Grandelius, Nils (2672) - Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2760)**
**Wijk aan Zee, 2022**
**II a**



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**1.♗xg7! cxb2+**

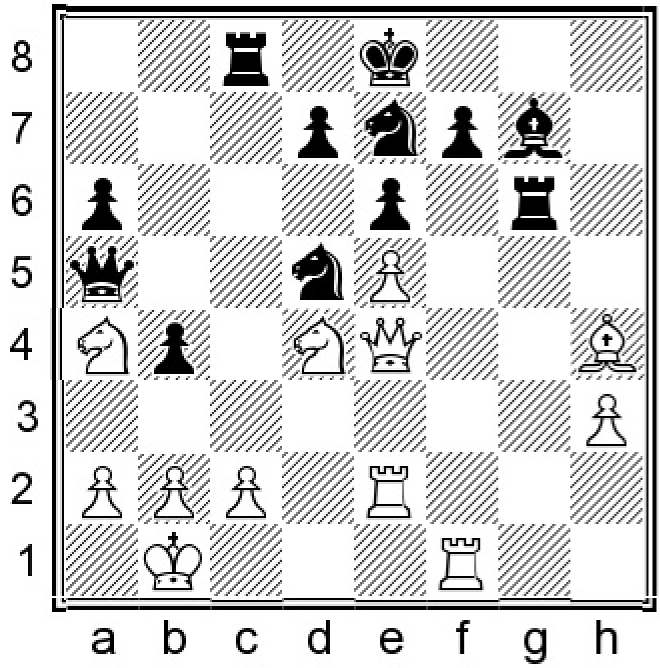
1...♔xg7? 2.♖xg5+ ♔h8 (2...hxg5 3.♕xg5+ ♔f7 4.♖f1+ ♔e8 5.♕g6+ ♔d8 6.♖xf8+ ♔c7 7.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 (7...♔xc8 8.h6+-) 8.h6 cxb2+ 9.♔b1!+- (9.♔xb2?= - 1...cb2)) 3.♖g6+-

**2.♔xb2**

2.♔b1 ♔xg7 3.♖xg5+ hxg5 4.♕xg5+ ♔f7 5.♖f1+ ♔e8 6.♕g6+ ♔d7 7.♕g7+ ♔d8 8.♖xf8+ ♗e8 9.♕f6+ ♔d7 10.h6 ♕b4 11.h7 ♕e1+ 12.♔xb2 ♖xc2+! 13.♔xc2 ♕e2+ 14.♔b1 ♕e1+=

**2...♔xg7 3.♖xg5+ hxg5 4.♕xg5+ ♔f7 5.♖f1+ ♔e8 6.♕g6+ ♔d8 7.♖xf8+ ♔c7 8.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 9.h6 ♗xe4!= 10.♕xe4 ♕h8+ 11.♔a2 ♕xh6 12.♕c4+ ♔b7 13.♕b4+ ♔c7 14.♕c4+ ♔b7 1/2-1/2**

**6. Lobanov, Sergei (2516) - Alavi, Sayed Javad (2455)**
**Yerevan, 2022**
**III a**



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**1.♖ef2!**

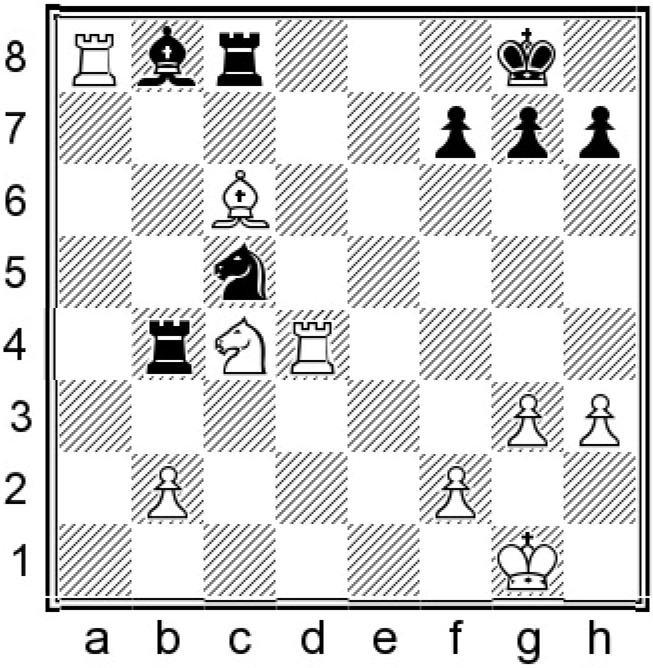
1.♕f3?! f5 2.exf6 ♗xf6 3.b3 ♔d8 4.♕f2 ♗xh4 5.♕xh4 ♔c7∞

**1...♕xa4 2.♖xf7 ♕a5 3.♗xe7 ♘xe7 4.♕h4!+-**

4.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 5.♕xg6 ♕xe5 6.♕f7+ ♔d8 7.♖d1 ♔c7 8.♘xe6+ ♕xe6 9.♕xg7 ♕xh3 10.♕d4+-

**4...♘f5 5.♘xf5 ♔xf7 6.♘e7+ ♔e8 7.♘xc8 1-0**

**7. Genov, Petar (2430) - Artinyan, Remy (2028)**
**France, 2021**
**III e**



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**1.♘d6!+- ♖xd4 2.♘xc8 ♖b4**

2...♗e5 3.♘e7#

**3.♘d6 ♔f8**

3...♖b6 4.b4 (4.♗b7? ♘d7=; 4.♘b7 ♘d7 (4...♘a6 5.b4+-) 5.♘a5 ♘f8 6.b3+-) 4...♖xb4 (4...♘a6 5.b5 ♘c7 6.♖a5 ♘xb5 (6...♔f8 7.♘c8+-) 7.♘c8 (7.♖xb5 ♖xb5 8.♘xb5+-) 7...♖xc6 8.♘e7+ ♔f8 9.♘xc6+-) 5.♘b5+-

**4.♘b5 ♖xb2 5.♖xb8+ 1-0**

**8. Bjerre, Jonas Buhl (2586) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2627)**
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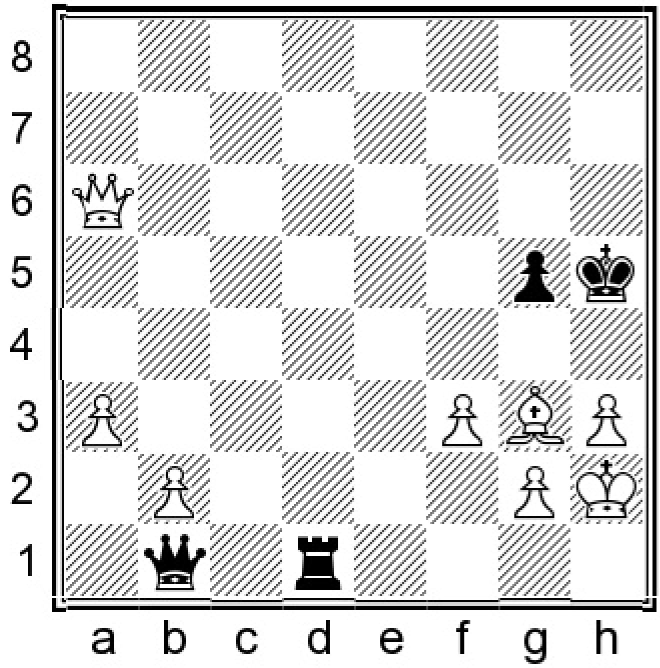
**III i**



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**1.♗e1!**

1.♗f2? ♖h1+ 2.♔g3 ♕xb2 3.♕d6 ♕c1 4.♕e5 ♖f1 5.♕e8+ ♔h6 6.♗e3 ♕c7+ 7.♔g4 ♕c4+ 8.♔g3 ♕c7+=

**1...♕xb2**

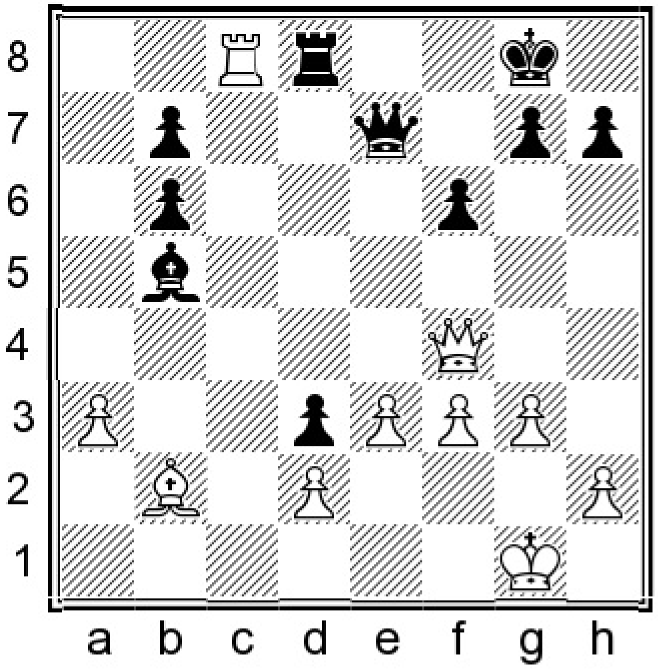
1...♖xe1 2.g4+ ♔h4 3.♕h6#

**2.♕e6! ♕b8+ 3.♔g1 ♕a7+**

3...♕g3 4.♔f1+-

**4.♔f1+- ♖xe1+ 5.♕xe1 ♕xa3 6.♕e5 ♕a6+ 7.♔g1 ♔h6 8.♔h2 ♕b6 9.♔g3 ♕a6 10.♔g4 ♕c8+ 11.♔g3 ♕a6 12.h4 gxh4+ 13.♔xh4 ♕b6 14.f4 ♔h7 15.f5 ♕h6+ 16.♔g4 ♕d2 17.♕e7+ 1-0**

**9. Nakamura, Hikaru (2736) - Esipenko, Andrey (2714)**
**Berlin, 2022**
**III j**



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**1.♗xf6! gxf6 2.♕g4+ ♔f8**

2...♔h8 3.♕b4!! ♕e8 4.♖xd8 ♕xd8 5.♕xb5+-

**3.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 4.♕b4+ ♕e7 5.♕xb5 ♕xa3 6.♔f2 ♕c5 7.♕xd3 b5 8.♕c3**

8.♕xh7 ♕d5 9.♔e2 b4 10.♕d3+-

**8...♕e7 9.♔e2 ♔g7 10.♕d4 ♕f7 11.♕g4+ ♔h8 12.♕b4 ♕e8 13.♕d6 ♕f7 14.♕c5 ♕e8 15.g4+- ♔g7 16.h4 ♕d7 17.h5 ♔g8 18.h6 1-0**

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# CLASSIFICATION

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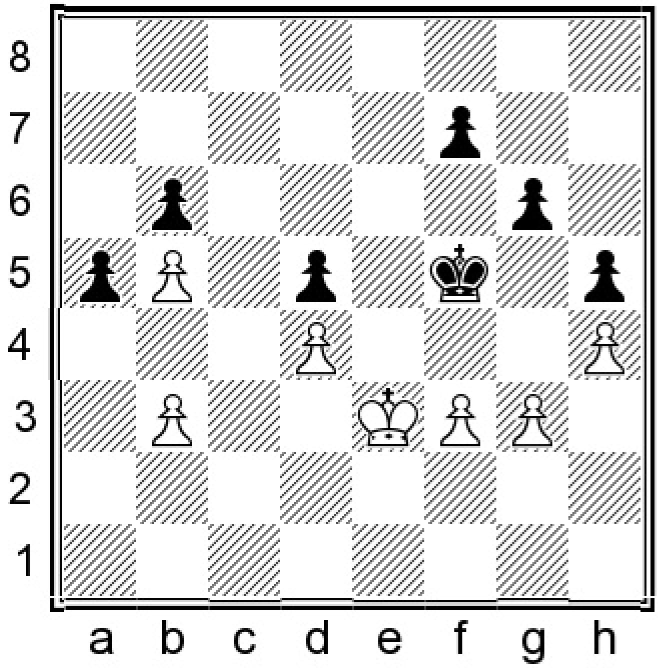
**1. Burdalev, Kirill (2374) - Votava, Jan (2492)**
**Cesko, 2022**
**♙ 3d/1**



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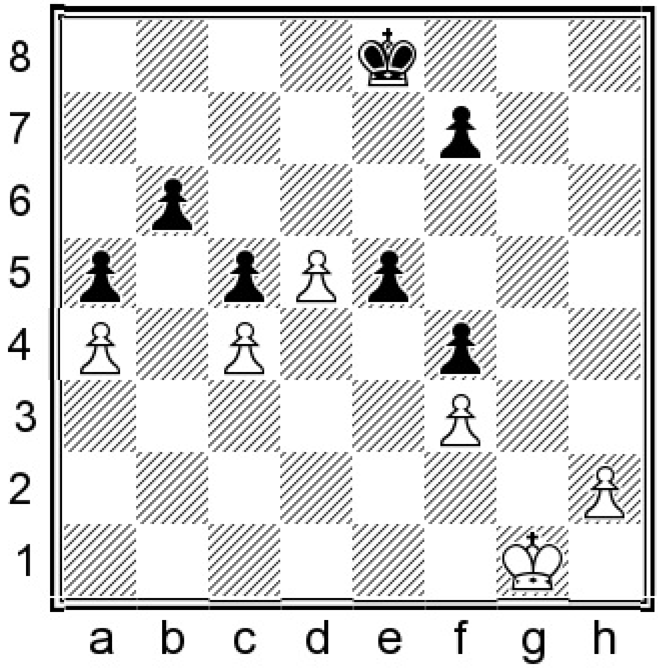
**1...g5! 2.hxg5 ♔xg5 3.♔f2 f5 4.♔g2 f4!-+**

4...h4? 5.♔h3 hxg3 6.♔xg3 f4+ 7.♔h3 ♔h5 8.♔g2=

**5.♔h3 fxg3 6.♔xg3 h4+ 0-1**

**2. Voge, Tobias (2340) - Genov, Petar (2435)**
**Deutschland, 2021**
**♙ 8/a**



**1...? −+**

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**1...b5! 2.cxb5**

2.axb5 a4 3.b6 ♔d7-+

**2...c4 3.♔f1 c3 4.♔e1**

4.♔e2 e4! 5.b6 ♔d7 6.b7 ♔c7 7.d6+ ♔xb7 8.d7 ♔c7 9.fxe4 f3+ 10.♔xf3 c2-+

**4...e4!** [×c3, f4] **5.h4**

5.fxe4 f3 6.b6 ♔d7 7.b7 ♔c7 8.d6+ ♔xb7 9.d7 ♔c7-+

**5...exf3 6.b6**

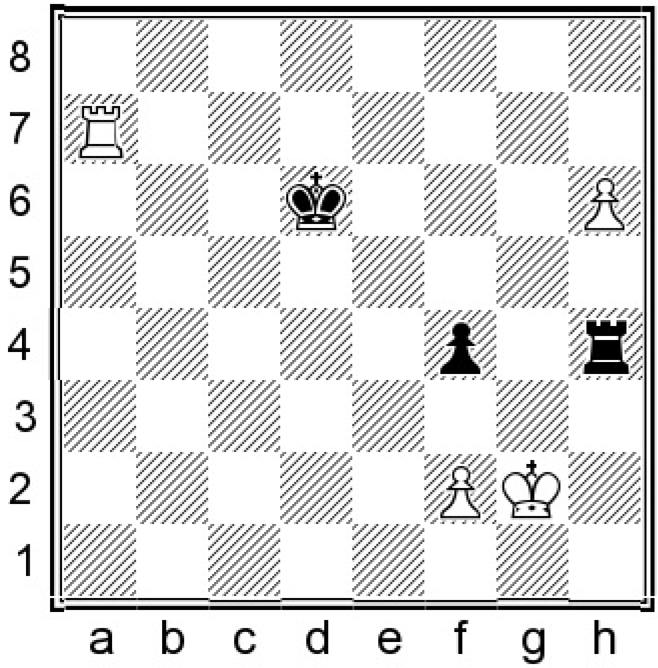
6.h5 c2 7.♔d2 f2 8.h6 f1=♕-+

**6...♔d7**

6...c2 7.♔d2 f2 8.b7 c1=♕+ 9.♔xc1 f1=♕+ 10.♔c2 ♕f2+ 11.♔c3 ♕b6-+

**7.b7 ♔c7 8.d6+ ♔xb7 9.d7 ♔c7 10.d8=♕+ ♔xd8 11.h5 c2 0-1**

**3. Muzychuk, Mariya (2539) - Rosen, Eric S (2356)**
**Gibraltar, 2022**
**♖ 5/d**



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**1.♖a3!**

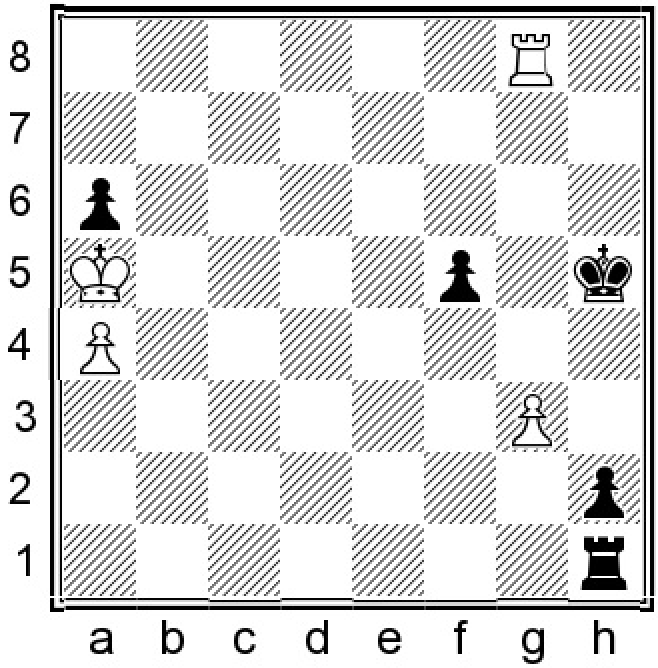
1.♖a1? ♔e7 2.♖h1 f3+! 3.♔g1 ♖g4+ 4.♔f1 ♖a4 5.♔g1 ♖g4+=

**1...f3+ 2.♔g3! ♖h1 3.♖a4 ♖g1+ 4.♔xf3 ♖h1 5.♔g3 ♖g1+ 6.♔h2**

6.♔h3 ♔e6 7.♖h4 ♖g8 8.h7 ♖h8 9.♔g4 ♔f6 10.f4+-

**6...♖g8 7.h7 ♖h8 8.♖h4 ♔e6 9.♔g3 ♔f5 10.♖h5+ ♔g6 11.♔g4 ♔f6 12.♖h6+ ♔g7 13.♔g5 ♔f7 14.♖h4 ♔g7 15.♖h3 ♔f7 16.♔h6 ♖a8 17.♖f3+ ♔e6 18.♔g7 ♖a7+ 19.♔g8 1-0**

**4. Shuvalova, Polina (2516) - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar (2627)**
**Wijk aan Zee II, 2022**
**♖ 6/b**



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**1.♖g7!**

1.♔xa6? ♖a1 2.♖h8+ ♔g4 3.♖xh2 ♖xa4+ 4.♔b5 ♖a7-+

**1...♖e1 2.♖h7+ ♔g4 3.♖xh2 ♖e6**

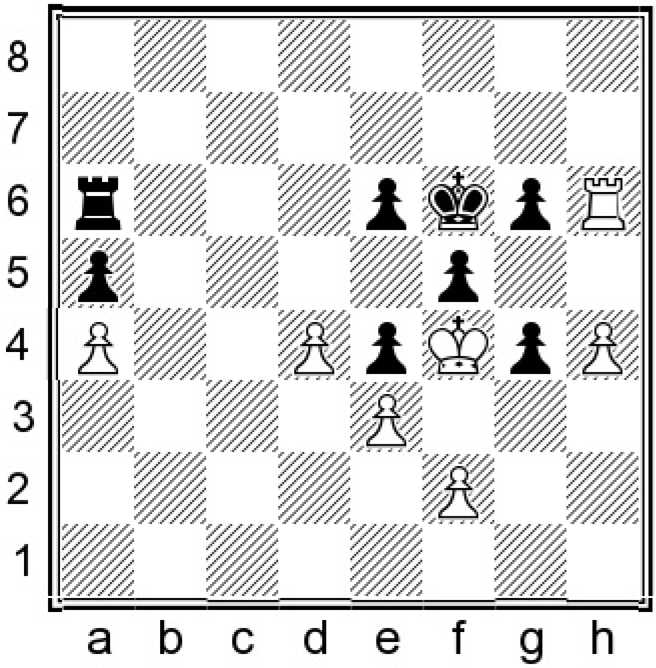
3...♔xg3 4.♖h6 f4 5.♔xa6 f3 6.♖g6+ ♔h2 7.♖f6 ♔g2 8.a5=

**4.♖f2 ♖f6**

4...♖e4 5.♖f4+ ♖xf4 6.gxf4 ♔xf4 7.♔xa6=

**5.♖f4+ ♔xg3 6.♖xf5! ♖xf5+ 7.♔xa6= ♖f1 8.a5 ♔f4 9.♔b7 ♖b1+ 10.♔c6 ♖a1 11.♔b6 ♔e5 12.a6 ♔d6 13.♔b7 ♖b1+ 14.♔c8 ♖a1 15.♔b7 ♔d7 16.a7 ♖b1+ 17.♔a8 ♔c7 1/2-1/2**

**5. Gagunashvili, Merab (2575) - Sedlak, Nikola (2503)**
**Srbija, 2021**
**♖ 6/f**



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**1...e5+!!**

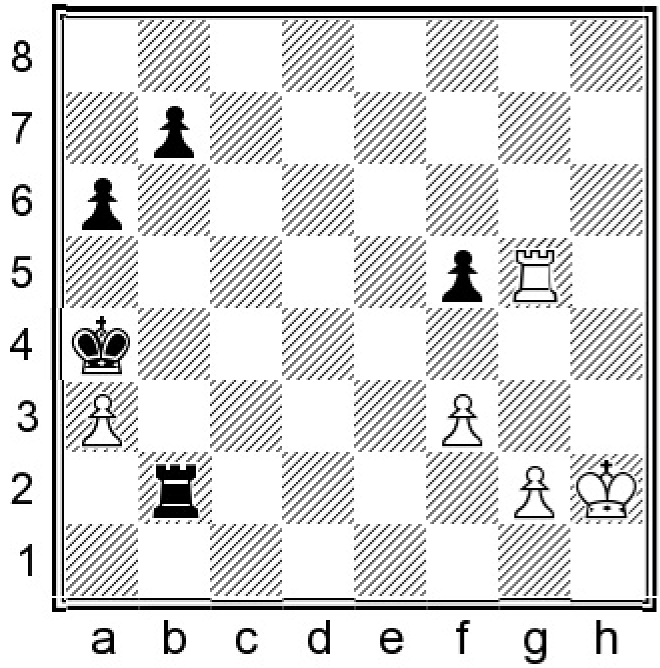
1...♖b6? 2.h5+- ♖b4 3.♖xg6+ ♔f7 4.♔e5 ♖xa4 1 : 0 Gagunashvili,Merab - Sedlak,Nikola

**2.dxe5+**

2.♔g3 ♔g7-+

**2...♔g7 3.♔g5 f4! 4.exf4 e3-+**

**6. Zhu, Jiner (2478) - Erigaisi, Arjun (2632)**
**Wijk aan Zee II, 2022**
**♖ 7/g**



**1...? −+**

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**1...f4!**

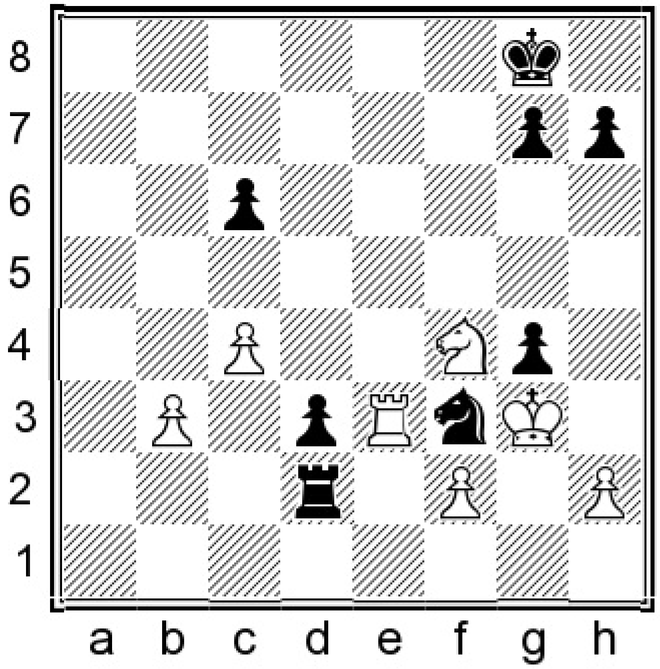
1...♔xa3? 2.♖xf5 b5 3.♔h3 ♔a4 4.g4 b4 5.g5 ♖b1 6.♖f6 ♔b5 7.♖f8 ♖g1 8.f4 ♔b6 9.♔h2 ♖g4 10.♔h3 ♖g1=

**2.♖f5 ♔xa3 3.♖xf4 b5 4.♔h3**

4.♖f6 a5 5.f4 b4 6.f5 b3 7.♔g3 ♖c2-+

**4...b4 5.g4 b3 6.♖f5 ♖a2 7.g5 b2 8.♖f6 a5-+ 9.♖b6 ♖a1 10.f4 b1=♕ 11.♖xb1 ♖xb1 12.g6 ♖g1 13.f5 ♖g5 0-1**

**7. Giri, Anish (2776) - Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2634)**
**Krasnaya Polyana (m/3-rapid), 2021**
**♖ 9/h**



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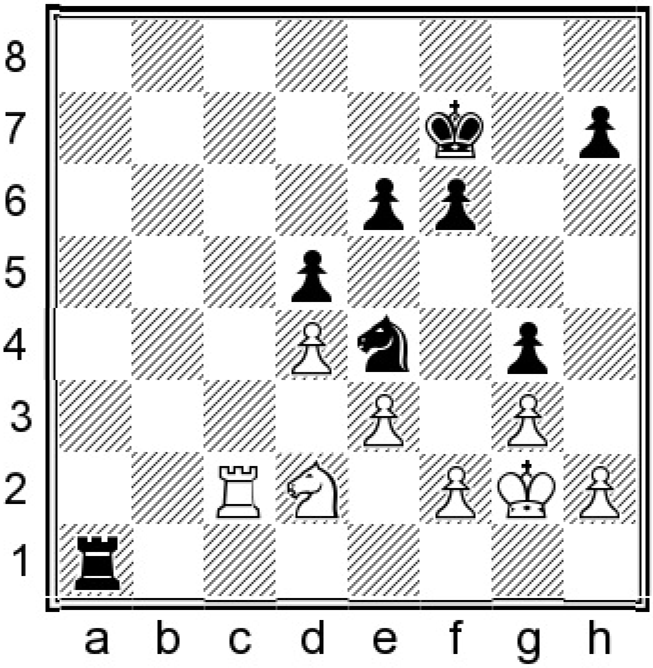
**1...h5! 2.♘xh5**

2.h4 ♔f7 3.♖xd3 (3.♘xd3 ♘d4-+) 3...g5! 4.hxg5 h4+! 5.♔xg4 ♘e5+-+; 2.♖xd3 h4+ 3.♔xg4 ♘e5+-+; 2.♘xd3 ♘d4! 3.♔f4 ♘c2 4.♖g3 h4-+

**2...♖d1 3.♔xg4 ♘xh2+ 4.♔f4 d2-+ 5.♖d3 ♘f1 0-1**

**8. Heimann, Andreas (2599) - Travadon, Loic (2415)**
**France, 2021**
**♖ 9/h**



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**1...♘g5! 2.♘b3**

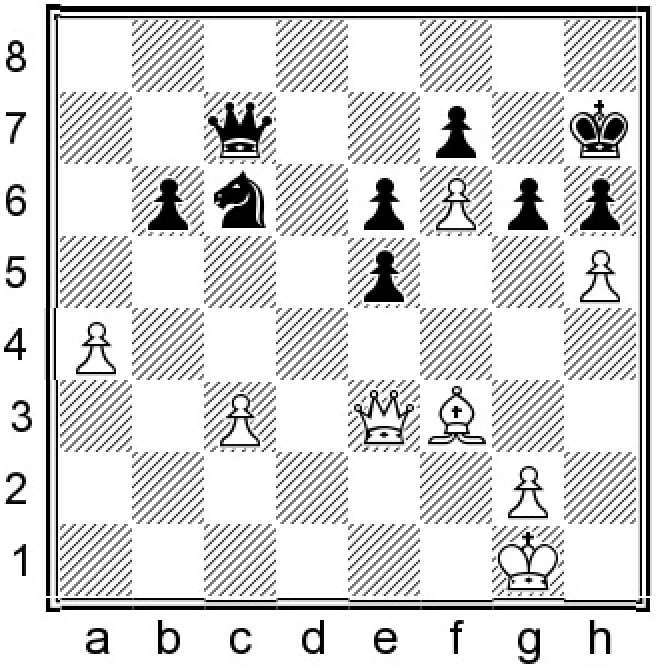
2.f3 h5 3.♖b2 ♖d1 4.♖c2 ♘h3 5.♘f1 ♖e1 6.f4 ♔g6-+

**2...♖b1 3.♘c1 ♘f3 4.♖c7+**

4.♖c3 h5 5.h3 ♔g6 6.hxg4 hxg4 7.♔f1 ♔f5 8.♔e2 ♖b2+ 9.♔f1 ♘d2+ 10.♔e1 ♘e4-+

**4...♔g6 5.h3 ♘e1+ 6.♔h2 h5-+ 7.hxg4 hxg4 8.♖c3 ♔f5 9.♘e2 ♘f3+ 10.♔g2 ♖e1 11.♖c2 ♔e4 12.♖b2 ♔d3 0-1**

**9. Acs, Peter (2560) - Balog, Imre (2573)**
**Magyarorszag, 2022**
**♕ 8/g**



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**1...♘b8!**

1...e4?! 2.♗xe4 ♘b8 3.♗c2±

**2.♗e4**

2.♕e4 ♕xc3 3.hxg6+ ♔g8! 4.gxf7+ ♔xf7 5.♗h5+ ♔f8 6.♕g6 ♕e1+ 7.♔h2 ♕h4+ 8.♔g1 ♕e1+=

**2...♘d7 3.hxg6+ fxg6 4.♕g3 ♘f8 5.♕e3 ♕d8 6.c4 ♕d1+ 7.♔h2 ♘d7**

7...♕h5+ 8.♔g3 ♘d7 9.a5 bxa5 10.♕a7 ♕d1 11.c5 ♕e1+ 12.♔h2 ♕h4+=

**8.a5 bxa5 9.♕a3 ♕h5+ 10.♔g1 ♕d1+ 11.♔h2 ♕h5+ 1/2-1/2**

# TOURNAMENTS

### DUBAI, XI–XII 2021
### The FIDE World Chess Championship 2021

Time Control: 120 minutes for the first 40 moves, 60 minutes for the next 20 moves, and 15 minutes for the rest of the game, with a 30-second increment per move starting with move 61.

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ian NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2782 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 3½ |
| **Magnus CARLSEN** | g | 2856 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 7½ |

Note: Since Carlsen reached 7½ points with game 11, the match ended even though not all 14 games were played.

### CASTELLDEFELS, XI–XII 2021
### The 2nd El Llobregat Open
*(157 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—3. Abdusattorov, Mur. Karthikeyan, Garriga Cazorla 7, 4—11. Erigaisi Arjun, Aditya Mittal (35042025), Meškovs, Yuffa, Ma. Muradli, Santos Latasa, Abhim. Puranik, L. van Foreest 6½, 12—25. S. P. Sethuraman, E. Safarli, Ma. Krzyżanowski, Th. Beerdsen, T. Sosa, A. Fier, S. Fedorchuk, R. Ponomariov, Visakh N. R., N. Kacharava, Bernadskiy, Bharath Subramaniyam, Arjun Kalyan, Le. Martínez Ramírez 6, etc.

### CHIANCIANO TERME, XII 2021
### The 80th Italian Championship

cat. IX (2469)

Time Control: 100 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves and then 15 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

1. Pier L. Basso 9, 2. Luca Moroni jr. 8½, 3. Alb. David 7½, 4. S. Brunello 7, 5. Lodici 6½, 6. F. Sonis 6, 7—9. Fabr. Bellia, Gilevych, Genocchio 4½, 10. Zimina 3, 11—12. A. Barp, Formento 2½

### LONDON, XII 2021
### The 12th London Chess Classic
#### England vs. Rest of the World

Time Control: 100 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for rest of game + 30 seconds increment from move 1.

**England 8½** [GM Michael Adams 3/6, GM Gawain Jones 3½/6 and GM Luke McShane 2/6]

**ROW 9½** [GM Boris Gelfand 3½/6, GM Nikita Vitiugov 4/6 and GM Maxime Lagarde 2/6]

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROW | 2 | ½ | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9½ |
| England | 1 | 2½ | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8½ |

#### English Rapidplay

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | McSHANE | g | 2698 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1—2 |
| 2 | GAW. JONES | g | 2604 | ½ | ▬ | 1 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1—2 |
| 3 | SPEELMAN | g | 2523 | ½ | 0 | ▬ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 5½ | 3—4 |
| 4 | MI. ADAMS | g | 2670 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ▬ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 5½ | 3—4 |
| 5 | A. GHASI | m | 2539 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 0 | ▬ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | M. HARVEY | f | 2443 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4½ | 6 |
| 7 | L. TRENT | m | 2440 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 8 | A. HORTON | m | 2298 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | ½ | 1 | 2½ | 8—10 |
| 9 | GORMALLY | g | 2534 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 1 | 2½ | 8—10 |
| 10 | R. HARIA | m | 2337 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 2½ | 8—10 |

Playoff: Gaw. Jones — McShane 2 : 0

### LAMIA, XII 2021
### The 70th Greek Championship

cat. IX (2459)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. A. Mastrovasilis 5½, 2—4. Kourkoulos-Arditis, Dimitris Alexakis, Evg. Ioannidis 4½, 5—6. Kanakaris, I. Nikolaidis 4, 7. Georgios Mitsis (4295676) 3½, 8. Trimitzios 3, 9. Kapnisis 2½, 10. Kotronias 0

### KALNA, XII 2021
### The 15th Serbian Championship

cat. IX (2474)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. V. Ivić 6½, 2—4. B. Bogosavljević, L. Budisavljević, Aleksandar Kovačević 6, 5. Miloje Ratković 5, 6. A. Indić 4½, 7. Nik. Radovanović 3½, 8. Miloš Stanković 3, 9. Z. Arsović 2½, 10. S. Dražić 2

### VILLA MARTELLI, XII 2021
### The 95th Argentine Championship

cat. X (2490)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Tristán, F. Peralta 8, 3. Krysa 7½, 4—5. Pérez Ponsa, Paveto 6½, 6. Diego Flóres 6, 7. Mario Villanueva 5, 8—9. Pablo I. Acosta, A. Obregón 4½, 10. Valerga 4, 11. Slipak 3, 12. Fa. Fiorito 2½

### SITGES, XII 2021
### The 8th Sunway Sitges Festival – Group A
*(280 players, 10 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—4. Abdusattorov, D. Kollars, I. Cheparinov, Abhim. Puranik 8, 5—14. S. P. Sethuraman, L. van Foreest, E. Safarli, Anton Korobov (14105730), Nihal Sarin, Erigaisi Arjun, M. Dann, N. Kacharava, Külaots, Tarigan 7½, 15—24. H. Niemann, Sankalp Gupta (5097010), D. Kadrić, D. Dardha, A. Suleymanli, Pranav Anand, Di Berardino, L. Vrolijk, A. Galiana Fernandez, Bharath Subramaniyam 7, etc.

### SAFED, XII 2021
### The Israeli Open Championship
*(105 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Nabaty 7½, 2—4. E. Postny, Efroimski, Y. Parkhov 7, 5—10. Kobo, V. Mikhalevski, I. Gorshtein, I. Caspi, Or Bronstein, Shohat 6½, 11—19. Tzidkiya, G. Flom, Smirin, Ey. Rozen, R. Goldin, N. Zemach, O. Kochavi, Kupervaser, Oh. Kraus 6, etc.

### KHARKIV, XII 2021
### The 90th Ukrainian Championship

cat. XIV (2594)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A. VOLOKITIN | g | 2677 | ▬ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 6 | 1 |
| 2 | Y. KRYVORUCHKO | g | 2685 | 0 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5½ | 2 |
| 3 | K. SHEVCHENKO | g | 2655 | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 5 | 3—4 |
| 4 | A. MOISEENKO | g | 2597 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3—4 |
| 5 | VYSOCHIN | g | 2505 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5—9 |
| 6 | OMELJA | g | 2509 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 4 | 5—9 |
| 7 | KUZUBOV | g | 2652 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ▬ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 4 | 5—9 |
| 8 | KRAVTSIV | g | 2604 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ▬ | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5—9 |
| 9 | ONYSHCHUK | g | 2620 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ▬ | ½ | 4 | 5—9 |
| 10 | BAKHMATSKY | m | 2432 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ▬ | 3½ | 10 |

### SALAMANCA, XII 2021
### The 4th Salamanca Masters

cat. XII (2550)

Time Control: 40 minutes + 5 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Santos Latasa 6, 2. R. Édouard 5, 3. Shirov 3½, 4—5. A. Matnadze, V. Topalov 3, 6—8. P. Cramling, L. Javakhishvili, S. Vega Gutiérrez 2½

## BAKU, XII 2021
### The 7th Vugar Gashimov Memorial

**Rapid**

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | SERGEY KARJAKIN | g | 2757 | ▬ | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 1—2 |
| 2 | R. RAPPORT | g | 2750 | 3 | ▬ | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 1—2 |
| 3 | F. CARUANA | g | 2770 | 1 | 2 | ▬ | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 3—4 |
| 4 | MAMEDYAROV | g | 2727 | 0 | 3 | 3 | ▬ | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 3—4 |
| 5 | RAUF MAMEDOV | g | 2690 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ▬ | 3 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 |
| 6 | D. NAVARA | g | 2706 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 3 | 3 | 8 | 6 |
| 7 | V. ASADLI | g | 2309 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 8 | VIS. ANAND | g | 2748 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 3 | 8 |

Players earn 3 points for a win and in case of a tie, there shall be an Armageddon where the winner receives 2 points and the loser 1 point.

**Blitz**

Time Control: 5 minutes + 3 seconds per move.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | F. CARUANA | g | 2803 | ▬ ▬ | 1 1 | ½ ½ | 1 ½ | 0 1 | 1 1 | ½ 1 | ½ ½ | 10 | 1 |
| 2 | MAMEDYAROV | g | 2754 | 0 0 | ▬ ▬ | 1 ½ | 1 ½ | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | 1 1 | 1 1 | 8½ | 2 |
| 3 | R. RAPPORT | g | 2754 | ½ ½ | 0 ½ | ▬ ▬ | 1 0 | 0 1 | 1 ½ | 1 ½ | 1 ½ | 8 | 3 |
| 4 | RAUF MAMEDOV | g | 2686 | 0 ½ | 0 ½ | 0 1 | ▬ ▬ | 0 ½ | ½ ½ | 0 1 | 1 1 | 6½ | 4 |
| 5 | D. NAVARA | g | 2763 | 1 0 | ½ 1 | 1 0 | 1 ½ | ▬ ▬ | ½ 0 | 0 ½ | 0 0 | 6 | 5—7 |
| 6 | VIS. ANAND | g | 2825 | 0 0 | ½ ½ | 0 ½ | ½ ½ | ½ 1 | ▬ ▬ | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 6 | 5—7 |
| 7 | V. ASADLI | g | 2386 | ½ 0 | 0 0 | 0 ½ | 1 0 | 1 ½ | ½ ½ | ▬ ▬ | 1 ½ | 6 | 5—7 |
| 8 | SERGEY KARJAKIN | g | 2657 | ½ ½ | 0 0 | 0 ½ | 0 0 | 1 1 | ½ ½ | 0 ½ | ▬ ▬ | 5 | 8 |

**FINAL STANDINGS**

| | | Rapid | Blitz | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | F. CARUANA | 14 | 10 | 24 |
| 2 | R. RAPPORT | 16 | 8 | 24 |
| 3 | MAMEDYAROV | 14 | 8½ | 22½ |
| 4 | SERGEY KARJAKIN | 16 | 5 | 21 |
| 5 | RAUF MAMEDOV | 9 | 6½ | 15½ |
| 6 | D. NAVARA | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| 7 | V. ASADLI | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 8 | VIS. ANAND | 3 | 6 | 9 |

Armageddon playoff: F. Caruana — R. Rapport 1 : 0

## BUDAPEST, XII 2021
### The 69th Hungarian Championship

cat. XIII (2567)

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Péter Ács 6½, 2. Gergely Kántor 5½, 3—5. T. Bánusz, Péter Prohászka (726265), Korpa 5, 6—7. F. Berkes, Gergely Antal 4½, 8. G. Aczél 4, 9. Ádám Kozák 3½, 10. Z. Medvegy 1½

## VANDOEUVRE-LÈS-NANCY, XII 2021
### The 18th Vandoeuvre Open

*(123 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—4. D. Sengupta, S. Fedorchuk, P. Laurent-Paoli, Maurizzi 7, 5—10. Lamard, Velten, F. Eugène, Ar. Das, Saya. Das, A. Dgebuadze 6½, 11—21. Ch. Bauer, A. Hauchard, Visakh N. R., Vy. Ikonnikov, Ondersteijn, Phile. Mathieu, Haub, Vignesh N. R., Ar. Lucas, Ja. Siddharth, A. Polivanov 6,

## SOUSSE, XII 2021
### The 1st BICA Pawn Open

*(126 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. M. Iskandarov 7½, 2—5. Ig. Kovalenko, Mosadeghpour, Sumets, Nigmatov 7, 6—14. Bernadskiy, Mus. En. Yilmaz, Max. Lagarde, Vetoshko, Lorparizangeneh, Val. Sviridov, R. Köllner, Maxim Lavrov (4166418), Evgeny A. Levin 6½, 15—24. Evgeny Romanov (4148843), Jiří Štoček (304760), Schekachikhin, B. Firat, Abdisalimov, Fataliyeva, Z. Amdouni, L. Unuk, Abdulrahman Mohammad, M. Bouaziz 6, etc.

## LAS VEGAS, XII 2021
### The 31st North American Open

*(111 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 100 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

1—2. Aw. Liang, V. Akopian 7½, 3. Gu. Vázquez 7, 4—9. Zhou Jianchao, Javakhadze, B. Escalante Ramírez, Hevia Alejano, Al. Shabalov, Mich. Song 6½, 10—15. Jack Zhu, Prasanna Raghuram Rao, J. Gallagher, Mai Narva, Jason Wang (30908124), Zeltsan 6, etc.

## WARSZAWA, XII 2021
### The World Rapid and Blitz Championships

**OPEN**

**Rapid**

*(174 players, 13 rounds)*

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—4. Abdusattorov, Nepomniachtchi, M. Carlsen, F. Caruana 9½, 5—11. J.-K. Duda, Aronian, Hi. Nakamura, Mamedyarov, Gukesh Dommaraju, R. Rapport, Sergey Karjakin 9, 12—19. J. van Foreest, A. Grischuk, Vl. Fedoseev, Daniil Dubov, Mitrabha, Vachier-Lagrave, A. R. S. Salem, Sarana 8½, 20—38. A. Firouzja, A. Volokitin, B. Gelfand, I. Cheparinov, Anton Korobov, Anish Giri, Onyshchuk, Tigran L. Petrosian, Z. Efimenko, Sha. Sargsyan, Matlakov, Sargissian, K. Shevchenko, H. Martirosyan, M. Blübaum, R. Svane, V. Artemiev, Chigaev, D. Howell 8, etc.

Playoff (blitz): Abdusattorov — Nepomniachtchi 1½ : ½

**Blitz**

*(179 players, 21 rounds)*

Time Control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—3. Vachier-Lagrave, J.-K. Duda, A. Firouzja 15, 4. Daniil Dubov 14½, 5—7. Aronian, Mamedyarov, V. Artemiev 14, 8—16. J. Sindarov, Vl. Fedoseev, G. Oparin, H. Martirosyan, M. Carlsen, Kravtsiv, A. Grischuk, M. Kobalia, Anish Giri 13½, 17—23. K. Alekseenko, S. Vidit, Nihal Sarin, Sarana, Rauf Mamedov, Dreev, Quparadze 13, 24—40. Erigaisi Arjun, Nepomniachtchi, Ma. Muradli, B. Amin, P. Maghsoodloo, R. Svane, Ah. Adly, I. Cheparinov, Gukesh Dommaraju, B. Gelfand, Alexa. Donchenko, A. R. S. Salem, Sha. Sargsyan, A. Indić, H. Niemann, F. Caruana, Vladis. Kovalev 12½, etc.

Playoff (blitz): Vachier-Lagrave — J.-K. Duda 2 : 1

**WOMEN**

**Rapid**

*(102 players, 11 rounds)*

Time Control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. A. Kosteniuk 9, 2. B. Assaubayeva 8½, 3—4. Gunina, Lagno 8, 5—13. As. Serikbay, H. Koneru, Dzagnidze, E. Pähtz, A. Stefanova, Marta Michna, Abdumalik, Guln. Mammadova, A. Muzychuk 7½, etc.

**Blitz**

*(105 players, 17 rounds)*

Time Control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. B. Assaubayeva 14, 2. A. Kosteniuk 12½, 3—4. Gunina, Shuvalova 12, 5—7. H. Koneru, N. Buksa, Dzagnidze 11½, 8—13. Goryachkina, A. Muzychuk, Lagno, A. Stefanova, E. Pähtz, O. Girya 11, etc.

## LORCA, XII 2021
### The 10th Lorca Open

*(160 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—2. A. Fier, Karen H. Grigoryan 7½, 3—5. P. Iniyan, Karthik Venkataraman, D. Dardha 7, 6—12. Quintiliano Pinto, Srijit Paul, Valmaña Cantó, E. Fernández Guillén, Le. Martínez Ramírez, Di Berardino, Rob. Molina 6½, 13—23. P. Sabuk, Pranesh M., Mohammad Nubairshah Shaikh, Samant Aditya S., Martín Duque, Aa. Alonso García, Alejandro Pérez García (32041543), Namitbir Singh Walia, Plaskett, Neelotpal, Sudarshan Bhat 6, etc.

## CATTOLICA, I 2022
### The Vergani Cup January

*(124 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—4. Lalith Babu, H. Niemann, Bernadskiy, N. Salimova 7, 5—9. Anton Korobov (14105730), Lodici, Bharath Subramaniyam, Evg. Ioannidis, Max. Lagarde 6½, 10—17. Moha. Tabatabaei, Je. Thybo, Pantzar, Gilevych, Dvirnyy, S. Brunello, Klabis, Moksh Amit Doshi 6, etc.

## ROQUETAS DE MAR, I 2022
### The 33rd Roquetas de Mar Open
*(159 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—4. A. Fier, L. Vrolijk, H. Grieve, Kaasen 7, 5—14. Yuffa, D. Dardha, Petkidis, Dušan Popović (927031), Karen H. Grigoryan, Vásquez Schroeder, Mohammad Nubairshah Shaikh, E. Fernández Guillén, Ginés Esteo, Luch 6½, 15—27. Gl. Dudin, N. Sedlak, D. García Ramos, Leenhouts, Di Berardino, Lin Yingrui, Del Río de Angelis, Garriga Cazorla, P. Winkel, Samant Aditya S., An. Ingunza Curro, Cruz Lledo, Ra. Rodríguez López 6, etc.

## YEREVAN, I 2022
cat. IX (2459)
### The 12th Andranik Margaryan Memorial

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Sergei Lobanov 7, 2. Nikita Petrov (4101286) 6, 3. Z. Sturua 5½, 4—5. Ru. Makarian, Art. Davtyan 5, 6. Emin Ohanyan 4, 7—8. Sayed J. Alavi, Ho. Hayrapetyan, 3½, 9. V. Danielyan 3, 10. Armen Ar. Barseghyan 2½

## YEREVAN, I 2022
cat. XIII (2572)
### The 82nd Armenian Championship Higher League

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. Man. Petrosyan 8, 2—3. H. Martirosyan, Sha. Sargsyan 7½, 4. Ter-Sahakyan 6½, 5. Gabuzyan 6, 6. Tigran K. Harutyunyan 5½, 7—8. Mam. Gharibyan, Pashikian 5, 9—10. A. Mikaelyan, D. Shahinyan 4, 11—12. Tigran L. Petrosian, Andriasian 3½

## CHARLOTTE, I 2022
cat. VIII (2437)
### The CCCSA Winter Invitational GM Tournament

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—2. T. Stremavicius, Zhou Jianchao 5½, 3—5. Gu. Vázquez, Ab. Mishra, Posthuma 5, 6—7. J. Stearman, Vivekananthan 4½, 8. R. Talukdar 4, 9—10. Hilby, Shankar Gauri 3

## NEW YORK, I 2022
### The New York Winter Invitationals

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

### GM Tournament A
cat. VIII (2445)

1—2. Gábor Nagy (737119), Jas. Liang 5½, 3—5. N. Theodorou, Kevin Wang (2008424), Schitco 5, 6—8. D. Khamrakulov, Shlyakhtenko, Daggupati 4½, 9. Eric Li (30939941) 3½, 10. L. Rozman 2

### GM Tournament B
cat. VIII (2433)

1. E. Tian 6½, 2—3. E. Grinberg, Martínez Alcántara 6, 4. B. Jacobson 5½, 5. Ol. Barbosa 5, 6. Korley 4½, 7. V. Tsay 3½, 8. M. Rohde 3, 9—10. Robert Perez, F. Mandizha 2½

## WIJK AAN ZEE, I 2022
### The 84th Tata Steel Tournament

### MASTERS
cat. XX (2736)

Time Control: 100 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves and then 15 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | M. CARLSEN | g | 2865 | ▬ | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 9½ | 1 |
| 2 | MAMEDYAROV | g | 2767 | 0 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 8 | 2—3 |
| 3 | R. RAPPORT | g | 2763 | 0 | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2—3 |
| 4 | ANISH GIRI | g | 2772 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 7½ | 4 |
| 5 | SERGEY KARJAKIN | g | 2743 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 7 | 5—6 |
| 6 | J. VAN FOREEST | g | 2702 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ▬ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 7 | 5—6 |
| 7 | AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2714 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 1 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 6½ | 7—8 |
| 8 | F. CARUANA | g | 2792 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 6½ | 7—8 |
| 9 | J.-K. DUDA | g | 2760 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6 | 9—10 |
| 10 | S. VIDIT | g | 2727 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 9—10 |
| 11 | S. SHANKLAND | g | 2708 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5½ | 11—12 |
| 12 | PRAGGNANANDHAA | g | 2612 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ▬ | 1 | 1 | 5½ | 11—12 |
| 13 | GRANDELIUS | g | 2672 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 4½ | 13 |
| 14 | DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2720 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 3½ | 14 |

### CHALLENGERS
cat. XIII (2559)

Time Control: 100 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves and then 15 minutes to the end of the game, plus a 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ERIGAISI ARJUN | g | 2632 | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 10½ | 1 |
| 2 | NGUYEN THAI DAI | g | 2613 | ½ | ▬ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 8½ | 2—3 |
| 3 | J. BJERRE | g | 2586 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 8½ | 2—3 |
| 4 | JUMABAYEV | g | 2631 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ▬ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 7½ | 4—5 |
| 5 | E. L'AMI | g | 2622 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | ▬ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 7½ | 4—5 |
| 6 | L. VAN FOREEST | g | 2539 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | ▬ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 7 | 6—7 |
| 7 | VO. MURZIN | m | 2519 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 7 | 6—7 |
| 8 | M. WARMERDAM | g | 2607 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 6½ | 8 |
| 9 | S. GANGULY | g | 2627 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| 10 | D. DARDHA | g | 2532 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ▬ | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 5½ | 10 |
| 11 | MAURIZZI | g | 2502 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | ▬ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 4½ | 11—12 |
| 12 | SHUVALOVA | m | 2516 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ▬ | ½ | 1 | 4½ | 11—12 |
| 13 | ROV. VOGEL | m | 2452 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ▬ | 0 | 4 | 13 |
| 14 | ZHU JINER | wg | 2478 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ▬ | 3½ | 14 |

## CHELYABINSK, I 2022
### The Lozovatsky Memorial
*(64 players, 10 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—4. S. Drygalov, Nikita Afanasiev (24183555), Al. Grebnev, D. Kryakvin 7, 5—13. E. Safarli, Ru. Makarian, Nikita Maiorov (13501720), A. Gabrielian, Kazakouski, Shomoev, Evgeny A. Levin, Lazavik, Aleksej Aleksandrov 6½, 14—16. Matinian, Y. Remizov, A. Zhigalko 6, etc.

## FLORIANÓPOLIS, I 2022
### The 8th Floripa Open
*(271 players, 10 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—2. Mekhitarian, Hungaski 8½, 3—12. A. Pichot, J. Cuenca Jiménez, Delgado Ramírez, Supi, Languidey, Rodríguez Vila, F. Gazel, J. Bittencourt, Ed. Rodrigues, E. Marra 8, 13—25. J. Cubas, Ax. Bachmann, Di Berardino, A. Fier, I. Cadilhac, Ev. Barbosa, N. Filgueiras, R. Caetano, V. Labussiere, Ar. Luz, Do Valle Cardoso, Florianovitz, Ande. Dias 7½, etc.

## GIBRALTAR, I—II 2022
### The Gibraltar International Chess Festival

### Battle of the Sexes

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

**TEAM PIA 47** [Sukandar 4½/10, Abdumalik 5½/10, Gun. Mammadzada 3½/10, P. Cramling 4½/10, M. Sebag 5/10, M. Muzychuk 6½/10, O. Girya 4½/10, A. Stefanova 3/4, Jo. Houska 3½/10, Efroimski 5/10, Batsiashvili 1½/6]

**TEAM SABINO 53** [S. Brunello 6½/10, Gill. Bwalya 1½/9, H. Aziz 4/10, B. Bellahcene 7/10, Krysa 5½/10, R. Haria 6½/10, J. Gallagher 4½/10, Bo. Cheng 6/10, B. Csonka 7/10, Er. Rosen 4/10, Merario Alarcón ½/1]

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TEAM SABINO | 3½ | 3½ | 7 | 5½ | 5 | 6½ | 6 | 5½ | 4 | 6½ | 53 |
| TEAM PIA | 6½ | 6½ | 3 | 4½ | 5 | 3½ | 4 | 4½ | 6 | 3½ | 47 |

## TBILISI, I—II 2022
cat. IX (2474)
### The 81st Georgian Championship

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. L. Pantsulaia 8, 2—3. Gagunashvili, Tutisani 7½, 4—5. M. Mchedlishvili, Luka Paichadze (13602934) 7, 6. N. Kacharava 6½, 7. Quparadze 6, 8. N. Lortkipanidze 5, 9—10. Akhvlediani, N. Chkhaidze 4, 11. T. Sanikidze 3, 12. N. Petriashvili ½

## BERLIN, II 2022
## The first leg of the FIDE Grand Prix 2022

The FIDE Grand Prix 2022 is a series of three chess tournaments to be played between 3 February and 4 April 2022. Two of the tournaments will be played in Berlin, Germany, and one in Belgrade, Serbia.

Each player will play in two out of three of the tournaments. Each tournament will have 16 players, and have a two-stage format. In the first stage, the players are divided into four pools of four, and the players in each pool play a double round-robin mini-tournament. The four winners of the pools progress to the second stage.

In the second stage, the four pool winners play a knock-out tournament, consisting of semi-finals and a final. Both the semi-finals and final will consist of 2 classical time limit games, plus tie-breaks if required.

In the pool stage, if there is a tie for first, the tied players play tie-breaks. In the knock-out stage, tie-breaks are played if the match is tied after the 2 regular time limit games.

### Time Control

Classical games: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

Tie-breaks: two rapid chess games at 15 minutes plus 10 seconds per move. If players are still tied, they play two blitz chess games at 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move. If players are still tied, a single armageddon chess game is played to decide the winner.

Players receive Grand Prix points according to their finishing position in each tournament. The two players with the most Grand Prix points qualify for the Candidates Tournament 2022.

The players will receive Grand Prix points as follows:

| Round | Grand Prix points |
|---|---|
| Winner | 13 |
| Runner-Up | 10 |
| Semi-final loser | 7 |
| 2nd in group | 4 |
| 3rd in group | 2 |
| 4th in group | 0 |

### ROUND-ROBIN STAGE

#### Pool A

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | HI. NAKAMURA | g | 2736 | ▬ ▬ | 1 ½ | ½ 1 | ½ ½ | 4 |
| 2 | AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2714 | 0 ½ | ▬ ▬ | ½ ½ | 1 1 | 3½ |
| 3 | A. GRISCHUK | g | 2764 | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | ▬ ▬ | ½ 1 | 3 |
| 4 | É. BACROT | g | 2642 | ½ ½ | 0 0 | ½ 0 | ▬ ▬ | 1½ |

#### Pool B

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. RAPPORT | g | 2763 | ▬ ▬ | 0 ½ | 1 1 | ½ ½ | 3½ |
| 2 | R. WOJTASZEK | g | 2686 | 1 ½ | ▬ ▬ | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 3½ |
| 3 | VL. FEDOSEEV | g | 2704 | 0 0 | ½ ½ | ▬ ▬ | 1 1 | 3 |
| 4 | G. OPARIN | g | 2681 | ½ ½ | ½ ½ | 0 0 | ▬ ▬ | 2 |

#### Pool C

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ARONIAN | g | 2772 | ▬ ▬ | 1 ½ | ½ ½ | 1 1 | 4½ |
| 2 | S. VIDIT | g | 2727 | 0 ½ | ▬ ▬ | 1 ½ | ½ ½ | 3 |
| 3 | DANIIL DUBOV | g | 2720 | ½ ½ | 0 ½ | ▬ ▬ | ½ 1 | 3 |
| 4 | V. KEYMER | g | 2664 | 0 0 | ½ ½ | ½ 0 | ▬ ▬ | 1½ |

#### Pool D

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | L. DOMÍNGUEZ | g | 2752 | ▬ ▬ | ½ 0 | ½ 1 | 1 1 | 4 |
| 2 | W. SO | g | 2772 | ½ 1 | ▬ ▬ | ½ ½ | 1 ½ | 4 |
| 3 | P. HARIKRISHNA | g | 2717 | ½ 0 | ½ ½ | ▬ ▬ | ½ ½ | 2½ |
| 4 | SHIROV | g | 2704 | 0 0 | 0 ½ | ½ ½ | ▬ ▬ | 1½ |

### KNOCKOUT STAGE

#### Semi-finals

| | | | 1 | 2 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **HI. NAKAMURA** | g | 2736 | 1 | ½ | 1½ |
| R. RAPPORT | g | 2763 | 0 | ½ | ½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ARONIAN** | g | 2772 | 1 | ½ | 1½ |
| L. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ | g | 2752 | 0 | ½ | ½ |

#### Final

| | | | 1 | 2 | R1 | R2 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **HI. NAKAMURA** | g | 2736 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| ARONIAN | g | 2772 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 |

### GRAND PRIX STANDINGS

The following table shows the overall Grand Prix standings, including points the players are scoring in the ongoing tournament. The top two players qualify for the Candidates Tournament.

| | | Berlin | Belgrade | Berlin | Total std | Pts in gms |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hikaru Nakamura | 13 | | | 13 | 6½ |
| 2 | Levon Aronian | 10 | | | 10 | 7 |
| 3 | Leinier Domínguez Pérez | 7 | | | 7 | 4½ |
| 4 | Richárd Rapport | 7 | | | 7 | 4 |
| 5 | Wesley So | 4 | | | 4 | 4 |
| 6 | Andrey Esipenko | 4 | | | 4 | 3½ |
| 7 | Radosław Wojtaszek | 4 | | | 4 | 3½ |
| 8 (tie) | Santosh Vidit Gujrathi | 3 | | | 3 | 3 |
| 8 (tie) | Daniil Dubov | 3 | | | 3 | 3 |
| 10 | Vladimir Fedoseev | 2 | | | 2 | 3 |
| 11 | Alexander Grischuk | 2 | | | 2 | 3 |
| 12 | Pentala Harikrishna | 2 | | | 2 | 2½ |
| 13 | Grigoriy Oparin | 0 | | | 0 | 2 |
| 14 (tie) | Alexei Shirov | 0 | | | 0 | 1½ |
| 14 (tie) | Vincent Keymer | 0 | | | 0 | 1½ |
| 14 (tie) | Étienne Bacrot | 0 | | | 0 | 1½ |

## NAKHCHIVAN, II 2022
### The 76th Azerbaijani Championship

The championship will be held in two stages.

### FIRST STAGE
*(24 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Durarbayli, M. Iskandarov 7, 3. A. Suleymanli 6, 4—7. Ma. Muradli, M. Ibrahimli, E. Safarli, Ah. Ahmadzada 5½, 8—10.U. Ilyasli, K. Babazada, Shahaliyev 5, etc.

The top 4 advance to the knockout stage where each match consists of 2 games. If tied, the first 2 games are played with a control time of 15 minutes + 10 seconds, then 2 games with a control time of 5 minutes + 3 seconds and, finally, Armageddon (5 minutes for white, 4 minutes for black).

### KNOCKOUT STAGE

**Semi-finals:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MA. MURADLI** | m | 2528 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 2½ |
| DURARBAYLI | g | 2615 | 1 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. SULEYMANLI | g | 2530 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **M. ISKANDAROV** | g | 2566 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

**The 3rd place playoff:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **DURARBAYLI** | g | 2615 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| A. SULEYMANLI | g | 2530 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**Final**

| | | | 1 | 2 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MA. MURADLI** | m | 2528 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| M. ISKANDAROV | g | 2566 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## CAPPELLE-LA-GRANDE, II 2022
### The 38th Cappelle-la-Grande Open
*(341 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—8. Bakhmatsky, Nihal Sarin, Martin Petrov, S. Fedorchuk, Je. Thybo, Mo. Nikolov, N. Zwirs, Jul. Song 7, 9—20. Q. Loiseau, Mich. Song, B. Bellahcene, J. Kosakowski, D. Dardha, Ch. Sochacki, Mike Ivanov, Roshka, Radoslav Dimitrov, M. Ternault, Maerevoet, A. Vlachos 6½, etc.

## MONTEVIDEO, II 2022
### The 5th Marcel Duchamp Cup
*(138 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. Delgado Ramírez 7½, 2—5. Hungaski, Pérez Ponsa, Ricardi, Tristán 7, 6—9. Darcy Lima, Morovic Fernández, Y. Santiago, Labollita 6½, etc.

## MEXICO CITY, II 2022
### The 8th Iberoamericano Championship
*(169 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1. S. Mareco 7½, 2—7. Santos Latasa, Gu. Vázquez, J. Cori Tello, Obregón Rivero, E. Córdova, Albornoz Cabrera 7, 8—15. Geo. Meier, J. Cuenca Jiménez, R. Sánchez Alvarez, A. Fier, Cardoso Cardoso, L. Henderson de la Fuente, Jo. Avila Rodríguez, Ibarra Chami 6½, etc.

## WIEN, II 2022
cat. IX (2467)
### The GM Tournament Vienna February

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1. V. Dragnev 7, 2. Diermair 5½, 3—4. Chr. Menezes, Dominik Horvath (1642561) 5, 5—6. Gábor Nagy (737119), Bänziger 4½, 7. To. Kraus 4, 8—9. Georg Fröwis, Sa. Sahidi 3½, 10. Baumegger 2½

## EFORIE NORD, II 2022
### The Romania National Open Championship
*(68 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes for first 40 moves and 15 minutes for the rest of the game with 30 seconds increment from move 1.

1. M.-E. Pârligras 7, 2—5. C. Lupulescu, T.-M. Georgescu, Da. Gavrilescu, T. Anton 6½, 6—13. C.-C. Nanu, V. Nevednichii, Ghimpu, Manolache, L.-C. Miron, G.-A.-Gy. Szabo, Stoleriu, A. Istrăţescu 6, etc.

## CHESS24.com, II 2022
### The Airthings Masters

The Meltwater Champions Chess Tour is a 9—month series of nine online chess tournaments started on February 19, 2022 and will last until November 20, 2022. The Tour consists of 9 events: 6 labelled as Regular and 3 labelled as Major.

The Airthings Masters was the first event on the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour and the 1st Regular.

Each Regular tournament consists of a preliminary stage with 15 rounds and a knockout stage with three rounds. In the preliminary stage, 16 players participate in a round—robin spanning four days, with each player playing one rapid game against each other player, for a total of 120 games. The eight players with the most points advance to the next stage.

In the quarterfinals and semifinals, each matchup consists of four rapid games played on a single day, with one point for a win and half a point for a draw. Ties are resolved by a playoff consisting of two blitz games. If these also end in a tie, an Armageddon game is played; if this ends in a draw, the Black player wins the round. The player who ranked higher in the preliminary stage gets to pick a colour.

The final consists of two matches of four rapid games each, played on successive days. Each match is scored separately. A tie (if each player wins one match or both matches are tied) is resolved as in the other knockout rounds. There is no match for third place.

**Time control**

The players have 15 minutes for all their moves, plus a 10-second increment starting from move 1. If a tiebreak is required the players will play two 5 minutes + 3 seconds games and then, if needed, a single Armageddon game.

### THE PRELIMINARIES

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2773 | ▬ | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 29 |
| 2 | M. CARLSEN | g | 2865 | 0 | ▬ | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 25 |
| 3 | V. ARTEMIEV | g | 2700 | 1 | 0 | ▬ | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 24 |
| 4 | AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2714 | 0 | 3 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 24 |
| 5 | ERIC HANSEN | g | 2606 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 23 |
| 6 | DING LIREN | g | 2799 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | ▬ | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 22 |
| 7 | LE QUANG LIEM | g | 2709 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | ▬ | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 22 |
| 8 | V. KEYMER | g | 2664 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 22 |
| 9 | ARONIAN | g | 2772 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 21 |
| 10 | ANISH GIRI | g | 2772 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 21 |
| 11 | PRAGGNANANDHAA | g | 2612 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 19 |
| 12 | ABDUSATTOROV | g | 2651 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 19 |
| 13 | J.-K. DUDA | g | 2760 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 0 | 3 | 17 |
| 14 | MAMEDYAROV | g | 2767 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | ▬ | 1 | 3 | 17 |
| 15 | H. NIEMANN | g | 2642 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | ▬ | 3 | 15 |
| 16 | A. KOSTENIUK | g | 2516 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ▬ | 3 |

3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw

### KNOCKOUT STAGE

**Quarter–finals:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NEPOMNIACHTCHI** | g | 2773 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 2½ |
| V. KEYMER | g | 2664 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **M. CARLSEN** | g | 2865 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2½ |
| LE QUANG LIEM | g | 2709 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DING LIREN | g | 2799 | 1 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| **V. ARTEMIEV** | g | 2700 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 2½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AN. ESIPENKO** | g | 2714 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| ERIC HANSEN | g | 2606 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 |

**Semi–finals:**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NEPOMNIACHTCHI** | g | 2773 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 2½ |
| AN. ESIPENKO | g | 2714 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ |

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **M. CARLSEN** | g | 2865 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 2½ |
| V. ARTEMIEV | g | 2700 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ |

**Final**

**Match 1**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M. CARLSEN | g | 2865 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2 |
| NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2773 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 2 |

**Match 2**

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEPOMNIACHTCHI | g | 2773 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ |
| **M. CARLSEN** | g | 2865 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 2½ |

### TOUR RANKINGS

| | | Airthings Masters | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | MAGNUS CARLSEN | 31½ | 31½ |
| 2 | IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI | 22½ | 22½ |
| 3 (tie) | VLADISLAV ARTEMIEV | 12 | 12 |
| 3 (tie) | ANDREY ESIPENKO | 12 | 12 |
| 5 | ERIC HANSEN | 7¾ | 7¾ |
| 6 (tie) | DING LIREN | 7½ | 7½ |
| 6 (tie) | LE QUANG LIEM | 7½ | 7½ |
| 6 (tie) | VINCENT KEYMER | 7½ | 7½ |
| 9 (tie) | LEVON ARONIAN | 5½ | 5½ |
| 9 (tie) | ANISH GIRI | 5½ | 5½ |
| 11 (tie) | PRAGGNANANDHAA RAMESHBABU | 4¾ | 4¾ |
| 11 (tie) | NODIRBEK ABDUSATTOROV | 4¾ | 4¾ |
| 13 (tie) | JAN-KRZYSZTOF DUDA | 4½ | 4½ |
| 13 (tie) | SHAKHRIYAR MAMEDYAROV | 4½ | 4½ |
| 15 | HANS NIEMANN | 3¾ | 3¾ |
| 16 | ALEXANDRA KOSTENIUK | ¾ | ¾ |

## CANNES, II 2022
### The 35th Cannes Open
*(94 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

1—2. Ma. Boyer, Ma. Krzyżanowski 7, 3—7. Godena, Meškovs, Pantzar, Mo. Nikolov, Radoslav Dimitrov 6½, 8—16. Nihal Sarin, Klimkowski, T. Razafindratsima, H. Barseghyan, Girel, Hilverda, Jan Boder, Fabr. Bellia, Q. Loiseau 6, etc.

## KRAGERØ, II 2022
### The Kragerø Resort Chess
*(97 players, 9 rounds)*

Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

1—2. L. van Foreest, Chatalbashev 7, 3—8. Østmoe, D. Fridman, Evgeny Romanov (4148843), B. Ochsner, Urkedal, Külaots 6½, 9—19. D. Dardha, Seo Jung Min, Gumularz, Alexa. Donchenko, K. Lie, Mam. Gharibyan, M. Alinasab, T. Injac, L. Vrolijk, Osmak, Sagafos 6, etc.

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